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Angola in Accord With South Africa On Truce Force

By Glenn Frankel Washington Post Service

CAPE TOWN - South Africa and Angola, meeting for the first time in a tripartite session with the United States, agreed Thursday to form a joint commission to monitor the 17-day-old cease-fire in south-

South African officials, returning to Johannesburg Thursday night after the one-day session in Lusaka, Zambia's capital, said the ommission would initially consist of several hundred Angolan and South African military personnel but could be expanded to include U.S. observers if both parties requested them. A joint statement issued in Lusaka said "a small number of American representatives could participate."

Foreign Minister R.F. Botha, who with Defense Minister General Magnus Malan represented South Africa at the talks, hailed the agreement. "Angola wants peace," Mr. Botha said. "South Africa wants peace. And this what we've done now. We've taken a very important step on that road."

The agreement was arranged by U.S. diplomats who in recent weeks have intensively pressed for an ac-cord that would halt periodic South African military raids into Angola. There is hope the accord will lead to the creation of an independent Namibia from the South Africancontrolled territory of South-West Africa. Thursday's statement said further meetings would be held to seek a resolution of the issue of Namibian independence.

None of the parties mentioned the issue of withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola; South Africa and the United States previously had insisted a Cuban pullout was necessary for a Namibian settlement. The issue has been a major hurdle in past peace initiatives. That the Cubans were not referred to was seen as an indication that the United States and South Africa have decided to play down the question, at least for now.

Mr. Botha brushed aside questions about the Cubans, saying the principal problem was "to build confidence to try to eradicate suspicion. Then we have time, in a more relaxed atmosphere, to discuss other issues."

The new commission will attempt to enforce the cease-fire that South Africa initiated Jan. 31 when it announced it was pulling its forces out of southern Angola. South African troops have been

Sam Nujoma, the leader of the Namibian rebels, the South-West Africa People's Organization, said his group would temporarily honor the accord. There were unconfirmed reports Thursday that Mr. Nujoma was in Lusaka and may have held a meeting with Willie van Niekerk, South Africa's administrator-general in Namibia.

South Africa originally announced the cease-fire would last 30 days, but Mr. Botha said Thursday his government was willing to maintain it for as long as it is hon-ored by all sides. While Mr. Botha previously had characterized the halt in hostilities as "very fragile," South African authorities believe the Angolans have made a good faith effort to ensure that neither their troops nor Namibian rebels take advantage of the cease-fire by moving into the evacuated area.

Mr. Botha warned that "there are elements which we believe do not desire this initiative." Asked to identify them, he replied, "you can take a guess." It is believed he was referring to the Soviet Union, Angola's major military ally. Western diplomats here believe the Soviet Union helped scuttle a previous peace initiative by encouraging the Namibian guerrillas to launch a



Israeli soldiers stood on their tanks Thursday at the Awali River, which has marked their most northerly line in Lebanon since last September. Israeli military sources said armored patrols had crossed the line to probe the coast and mountains for Palestinian guerrillas.

French Say Soviet Will Soon Return To Geneva Missile Talks With U.S.

By John Vinocur

New York Times Service PARIS - French officials, back in Paris after meetings with Soviet leaders in Moscow, say they have the clear impression that the Rusmilitary offensive in January 1983. sians will soon return to nuclear

"And if he lost there," Mr. Ben-

dixen said, "he would lose the main

appeal to Democrats of all stripes

"But if this is going to happen," Mr. Bendixen cautioned, "it will

have to happen quickly. Once

Mondale gets rolling and you reach

By the time Illinois votes, two-

thirds of the delegates needed for

nomination in San Francisco will

have been chosen in earlier caucus-

es, conventions and primary elec-

tions. If there is a bandwagon roll-

ing, everyone will be scrambling to

spotlight, the majority of those ear-

ly delegates will come out of state

conventions and caucuses, where

the Mondale organizational

strength and the endorsements of

the AFL-CIO, the National Educa-

tion Association and other groups.

While the primaries hold the

March 20, it's too late to stop him."

to unite behind him."

three.'

get aboard.

Wednesday that this analysis was but without foreclosing their rebased partly on the tone of discussions in Moscow on Tuesday and on what France sees as signs of a change in Soviet attitudes.

A French delegation, headed by Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and Cheysson, met for 40 minutes with Soviet leader, and with Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromvko after the funeral of President Yuri V.

An official familiar with the content of the talks said he felt Soviet readiness to return to Geneva was

He said he believed that Soviet-American nuclear discussions would develop in the next few months. Moscow broke off talks on medium-range nuclear weapons in November and has since said it would not return to them in their previous form. The Soviet delega-

arms talks with the United States. tion subsequently left the talks on A high-level official said strategic, or long-range, weapons

The French official said he thought the new talks on nuclear weapons would start before the presidential election campaign went into full swing in the United External Affairs Minister Claude States. He said he had the impression that the Russians thought Konstantin U. Chernenko, the new President Ronald Reagan would be re-elected, The French view on the likeli-

hood of a return to nuclear arms talks became known as Vice President George Bush arrived for talks with President François Mitter-

Mr. Bush, after his meeting with Mr. Mitterrand, was asked at a news conference whether he had detected a willingness to resume arms control talks during his own contacts in Moscow.

can't say that I did," he replied. "But I didn't detect an un-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

brought the crisis to a head by routing the Lebanese Army, said the plan was "too little, too late" and ruled out compromise with Mr. Gemayel.

The plan was immediately degation of the troop withdrawal agreement would be "first and foremost a blow to Lebanon's own sovereignty, to its people and to the chances of freeing themselves from the Syrian grip."

He added: "Israel's signature on that agreement bilaterally."

Israel's ambassador to Washing-ton, Meir Rosenne, also said: "If this agreement is abrogated I doubt very much we will ever again see an

Gemayel to Abrogate Pact With Israel; Jumblat Says Move Is 'Too Late'

BEIRUT - President Amin Ge-

nayel has acceded to opposition abrogate Lebanon's troop withdrawal agreement with Israel. The Lebanese president accept-

ed a Saudi-mediated peace plan that envisages a full cease-fire, replacement of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut by United Nations troops and resumption of talks between opposng Lebanese factions in Geneva.

Syria, which has strenuously objected to the agreement with Israel because it says that the accord gives Israel too much influence in Lebanon, was thought likely to give its approval to the peace plan when it

is formally presented later.
But the Lebanese Druze chieftain, Walid Jumblat, leader of one of the Moslem factions that

The plan would also offer assurances to Israel that guerrilla activities would not resume in southern Lebanon. This is designed to replace the security features of the withdrawal accord.

nounced in Israel, where Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said abro-

that document is a fact of history and international law. We will not renounce our signature nor our readiness to carry out the terms of

Officials in Washington reacted with caution. President Ronald ed States said it was ready to begin Reagan has suggested that he negotiations to replace the multina-Moslem demands and agreed to would not object strenuously to the tional force with UN troops with abrogation of the May 17 agreement with Israel.

Earlier, the Soviet Union was re-But the White House spokesman, Larry Speakes, said: "We have problems with certain eleported to have lifted its objections to such a deployment but to have imposed conditions that Washingments of the plan." ton found unacceptable. A diplomatic source in Washing-

Mr. Gemayel agreed to the plan on Wednesday but, soon afterward, Druze militias drove government troops and Christian militias out of the coastal town of Damour. 20 kilometers (12 miles) south of Bei-

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Moslems Consolidate Positions in Lebanon

By Thomas L. Friedman New York Times Service

ton said it was highly unlikely that

Israel would agree to all features of the plan, at least in the beginning.

But he said there may be "some

hope" that Syria will accept the

plan and that Damascus would

prevail on Mr. Gemayel's enemies

to also accept it.

BEIRUT - Druze and Shiite militiamen consolidated their takeover of several strategic Lebanese Army positions around Beirut on Thursday and launched a new ofiensive against army and Christian Phalangist troops still trying to hold out south of the capital.

The onslaught by the Syrianbacked anti-government militias appeared to deprive President Amin Gemayel of any military options for dealing with his opponents and to leave him with little choice but to concede to many of their political demands, although isolated army resistance appeared to be continuing in some areas.

The offensive also marked probably the biggest shift in the balance power between Moslems and Christians inside Lebanon since the start of the 1975-76 civil war, with Moslem forces now clearly in the ascendancy.

[Israeli armored patrols probed

Lebanese coastal and mountainous areas north of their Awali River defensive line Thursday in search of Palestinian guerrillas, Reuters reported from Tel Aviv, quoting Israeli military sources.]

Mr. Gemayel spent the day con-sulting with the U.S. ambassador, Reginald Bartholomew, and Leba-nese politicians who will still speak to him in an effort to sort out his political options, according to goverament sources. The sources described the Lebanese president as "lost and living from moment to

Mr. Gemavel was apparently seeking assurances from Syria that if he agreed to abrogate the May 17 accord Damascus would use its leverage on the opposition to cooperate with him in solving the current crisis and refrain from demanding

By early Wednesday morning the Druze and Shiite militiamen had seized control of a swath of

his resignation.

Cuba, right, is greeted by Prime Minister Felipe González of Spain at Madrid's airport. Mr. Castro made a stationed in the area for more than two years in an effort to halt guerfour-hour stop in Spain Thursday as he returned from rilla operations by Namibian rebels the funeral of Yuri V. Andropov in Moscow. Page 5. who use Angola as a military base - Mondale Ducks Front-Runner Label

A FRIENDLY MEETING — President Fidel Castro of

By David S. Broder

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Last June he said. 11, Walter F. Mondale experienced his worst moment as a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, when he was upset by Senator Alan Cranston of Califorma in the Wisconsin Democratic convention straw vote.

Mr. Mondale's defeat in the heart of his liberal Midwestern base encouraged hopes among all his challengers that his support might be fragile. E On Tuesday, the former vice

president returned to Milwaukee to be greeted by the news that nine of the often-feuding top leaders of the Wisconsin Democratic Party, including the incumbent governor and his two Democratic predecessors, had joined in endorsing him. One of the endorsers, former Gov-ernor Martin Schreiber, pulled aside a reporter and told him something that is heard with increasing

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Penang, one of the 13 states of Malaysia, offers the traveler a broad taste of Asia, Vicky Elliott reports. Page 11. TOMORROW

Countrary to the view of countless slow stanters, Albert Einstein was a brilliant pupil, recently unearthed school records show.

Candidate's Aides Try to Minimize Backfire From Polls frequency on the Democratic presidential trail these days. "It's all over but the shouting,"

Remembering Wisconsin, the Mondale camp nervously rejects that notion. They discount polls like Tuesday's New Hampshire

Jesse L. Jackson, a Democratic candidate, is considering a trip to Nicaragua. Page 5.

survey showing him 21 points ahead of Senator John Glenn of Ohio, or Wednesday's Chicago Sun-Times poll showing him 35 points ahead of Senator Glenn and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson in Illi-

Some of his strategists fear that he could have a close shave with Senator Glenn in New Hampshire and that inflated expectations of his strength could turn such a result into a defeat. Even a psychological "defeat" could hobble the front-

Managers of rival candidates say Mr. Mondale is less than a sure shot, but they say that he is a legitimate odds-on bet against the seven-man field of opponents.

Sergio Bendixen, Senator Cranston's highly regarded manager, outlined a scenario that would lead to Mr. Mondale's defeat. It starts with Mr. Mondale doing "less than expected," in terms of margins or percentages, even if he wins Monday's lowa precinct cancuses and the Feb. 28 New Hampshire primary — the first two public tests of the

With some candidates eliminated after New Hampshire, a weakened Mondale might then be whipsawed by the surviving liberal and conservative challengers in the Southern primaries and Massachusetts on March 13, Mr. Bendixen

said, losing more than he wins. In that case, he would be on the defensive going into Illinois on March 20, trying to fight the notion that any time a front-runner stumbles, his candidacy is hard to revive. Illinois has a huge campaign spending limit, and Mr. Mondale would have to pour every available dollar into that race, Mr. Bendixen said eliminating the financial edge he now enjoys over his rivals.

Ground Collapses at Site Of Nuclear Test in U.S.

Los Angeles Times Service LAS VEGAS -At least 13 technicians were injured, one of them critically, when the ground caved in after a nuclear test at the government's Nevada Test Site, according

Wednesday, monitoring instruments that recorded the blast and its aftershocks, when the desert floor collapsed, a Department of Energy spokesman said Wednes-

There was no release of nuclear rationale of his campaign - the radiation from the explosion and all the injuries were caused when the technicians fell between 10 and 30 feet (3 and 9 meters), depart-

ment officials said. The injuries were the first directly attributable to a nuclear test in the 33-year history of the Nevada Asked what he thought the Test Site, officials said. They could chances of Mr. Mondale being deoffer no immediate explanation for railed, he replied, "Maybe one in

equivalent of about 20,000 tons of TNT, 1,168 feet (356 meters) below

ment of Energy spokesman. Ap- bers within the tunnets. parently, the workers were not bur- Tass Accuses U.S. ied as the ground collapsed. Another spokesman, David

sion, the workers moved to a safer position, then re-entered the area two hours after the device was detonated. They were checking data recorded on instruments housed in several trailers directly above the point of the nuclear blast

which led to the top of trailers, and one man apparently was still inside a trailer when it toppled over." overnment officials declined to

Walt Raywood, a geologist at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, said that the blast registered 4.5 on the Richter scale, much more than would result from an explosion of 20 kilotons, "If I had to guess," he

The earth directly above the ex- Raywood's Richter scale reading plosion collapsed about three hours could be misleading because an ex-after a test of what was said to be a plosion under hard rock produces 20-kiloton nuclear device, the much higher seismograph readings than one under soft earth.

Rainier Mesa, where the test ocound. curred, is a low plateau of hard The collapse "bounced around" granite and other volcanic rock in the workers inside the trailers and which a series of tunnels has been left an oval "disruption" in the sur- drilled over the years. Nuclear warface about 150 feet long and 60 feet heads and other nuclear devices are wide, said Jim Boyer, a Depart- exploded inside long, sealed cham-

The injured workers were in or "Some had the ground drop out from under them," Mr. Miller said. "Some were shaken off ladders Although Mr. Boyer and other

> disclose the specific purpose of the test blast. Mr. Boyer insisted it was "less than 20 kilotons."

> said, "I'd say it was around 100 kilotons Mr. Bover said that Mr.

Tass said Thursday that the Ne-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 2) Miller, said that, before the exploBill Johnson speeding toward a gold medal Thursday in the men's downhill.

Johnson Gives U.S. Men First Alpine Gold

Bill Johnson gave the United States its first Olympic gold medal ever in men's Alpine skiing when he won the men's downhill Thursday at the Winter Games in Sarajevo.

Johnson, who had dominated five training runs, was clocked Thursday in one minute, 45.59 seconds. He finished ahead of Peter Müller of Switzerland and Anton Steiner of Austria.

Olga Charvatova of Czechoslovakia won the bronze.

Other highlights Thursday:
• Scott Hamilton of the United States won the gold medal in men's figure skating. He is the first American Olympic champi-

In the women's downhill, Mi-chela Figini won the gold medal, finishing barely ahead of her double gold medalist of the Games and the first ever Swiss teammate, Maria Walliser. from Canada by winning the men's 1,500-meter speed skating.

• Sweden's Gunde Svan fell early on the final lap but still outran Nikolai Zimiatov of the Soviet Union as the Swedes won the men's 4x10-kilometer crosscountry ski relay. Coverage, Pages 6 and 7.

Barnsley: The Gritty, Gruff, Stubborn Heart of Yorkshire

By R.W. Apple Jr. New York Times Service

BARNSLEY, England - Like Peoria and Dubuque for Americans, this town of 75,000 at the center of the South Yorkshire coalfields has a special comic significance for the British.

"It began in the days of the music hall," says

Michael Parkinson, a television talk-show host who was born at Cudworth, about four miles (6.4 kilometers) down the road. "Two weeks at the Theater Royal, Barnsley, was a fate only marginally better than To the outsider, the town looks no different from others in Yorkshire: a bit dour, with soot-blackened row houses that lack charm even when their stoops

has lost much of its character through postwar reconstruction, but there is a huge town hall to remind people of a vanished prosperity. Yet Barnsley has somehow come to epitomize Yorkshire and its gruff, stubborn, gritty, warm-hearted, fun-loving and proudly provincial people. Its popula-tion remains homogeneous, largely born and raised here, and almost wholly white, whereas places like

Bradford and Leeds have large transient elements.

Above all, Barnsley is a coal town, where for genera-

and emerged, faces grimy, every evening.

It is, in a way, a grisly heritage. Anthony Galvin, editor of the weekly Barnsley Chronicle, keeps on his office wall a drawing from the Illustrated London News depicting the disaster at the Oaks Colliery on Dec. 12, 1866, when 349 miners were killed.

In the Silkstone churchyard stands a memorial recalling "that eventful day" in July 1838 when "the Lord sent forth His thunder, lightning, hail and rain, carrying devastation before them, and by a sudden emption of water into the coalpit of P.C. Clark Esq., 26 human beings whose names are recorded here were suddenly summoned to appear before their Maker."

Now as then, the miners simultaneously love and hate their work, drawing a sense of strength from their and roofs are crowned with snow. The downtown area ability to survive the arduous conditions of their trade. Roy Hattersley, a Yorkshire man who serves as deputy leader of the Labor Party, says all stories about the county end with some version of a single line:

> "If you want to know how and why the story began," he wrote in his book "Goodbye to Yorkshire." "go to Barnsley." The town, together with the mining villages that surround it, has produced its share of hard-bitten

You're a hard, proud man. Hard and proud.

There is Arthur Scargill, the radical president of the National Union of Mineworkers, whom they call "King Arthur." There is Geoffrey Boycott, the great-people in London pay several times as much. est English cricket batsman of recent times, who gets his runs not through natural talent but by such singleminded concentration that his captain has accused him of lacking team spirit.

Then there was Skinner Normanton, a hulking man who played halfback for the local soccer team, which has never quite managed to make the first division. He was the dirtiest player who ever lived, Mr. Parkinson recalls; "he kicked anything that moved."

If this is coal country, it is also Labor country. Mr. Galvin remembers an old local saying to the effect that on election night they used to count the Labor candi-

dates' votes by the shovelful.

Now Barnsley is the seat of the leftist-dominated South Yorkshire County Council, which often clashes with the Tory government in London over the amount of tax money it spends. The council is so out of step with the national trend that its fiefdom is often called, only half jokingly, the People's Republic of South Yorkshire.

One of the newer jokes about Barnsley apparently grounded, however distantly, in fact tells of the council's decision to hire jobless workers to Brooklands, the town's leading restaurant, "they excount the town's lampposts.

But people who live in Barnsley can ride the bus for 10 pence (14 cents) thanks to subsidized fares, while

The people here have an open, breezy informality that is as alien to the starchy southeast as New York and Boston are to the American Midwest. A visitor is greeted as "luv" by the sunny clerks in every shop. Arriving at a gas station, one is asked, "How are you, then?" A waitress confides that she

spent two years in London and hated it. "There were just too much hustle-bustle about the place," she said. If London is the home of cool understatement, Barnsley and Yorkshire are the home of the exaggera-

tion. People here like to say that there are more acres in Yorkshire - or used to be, before London reformers split the county into five parts - than there are words in the Bible.

As in Texas, there is a tendency toward the outsized. whether in the breadth of men's shoulders or in the heft of the sculptures of Henry Moore, who was born at Castleford, another mining town in the neighbor-hood, or in the dimensions of the Barasley chop, a great hunk of meat consisting of a third of the saddle

of a full-grown sheep. "Up here," said James Gratton, the proprietor of pect to see some mass on the dinner table."





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Syrian-Soviet Friendship: Damascus Holds the Key

By Jonathan C. Randal Washington Pust Service

DAMASCUS - So confident is President Hafez al-Assad of Syria about his relationship with the Soviet Union that he uncharacteristically revealed a secret in his message of condolence on the death of Yuri V. Andropov.

He spoke of "meetings" with Mr. Andropov. Syrian insiders confided that Mr. Assad made two secret visits to Moscow during Mr. Andropov's 15 months in power.

Despite this confirmation of what had been speculation. diplomats are convinced that the Soviet-Syrian relationship has been less cozy than Israel and the United States tend to

Only in recent months have Syrian and Soviet policies dovetailed, with both governments calling for U.S. Marines

Syrian officials tell visitors that, unlike the Kremlin, Damascus voiced no criticism when the Marines helped evacuate Palestine Liberation Organization guerrillas from Beirut in August 1982. Nor did Syria object when the Marines returned a month later after the massacre of Palestinian civilians by Christian militiamen.

Syrian opposition surfaced only when the United States tried in the view of Syrians, to isolate Syria by demanding compliance with the May 17, 1983, Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement on which Damascus had not been

Syria rejected the accord on the ground that it rewarded Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and extracted unacceptable political concessions endangering Syrian security.

As for Moscow, the disarray of U.S. policy in Lebanon is

seen as giving the Kremlin its first real chance in a decade to break the U.S. monopoly on Middle East policy. Yet, if Lebanon policy now unites Syria and the Soviet

Union, in the past it caused major differences In June, 1976. Prime Minister Alexei N. Kosygin was in

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Damascus when, to the Kremlin's dismay, the Syrian Army entered Lebanon massively for the first time.

Despite a 1980 friendship and security treaty, the Russians never extended their protection to Syrian forces stationed in Lebanon.

In 1982, the Syrians were furious with Moscow for failing to come to their aid when Israel destroyed a quarter of the Syrian Air Force combat strength and its rudimentary air defense system in the first days of the invasion of Lebanon. Within weeks of Mr. Andropov taking power, the Russians began providing Syria with a modern air defense system, including SAM-5 ground-to-air missiles and elec-tronic surveillance aircraft.

The Kremlin had little choice but to provide the hardware since Syria was its only major friend in the Arab world and had shown signs of turning to the United States.

Major Attack Diplomats compare the relationship to that the United States has with Israel: In both cases, the apparent client state Against Iraq exerts more influence on its superpower protector than is often recognized.

Last fall, the Soviet Union proved powerless to stop the rian-backed offensive of Palestinian dissidents against the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, in Tripoli, Lebanon.

The Russians were shown to be powerless to protect a major national liberation movement from a showdown with a Third World government.

During his 14 years in power, Mr. Assad has called the shots. In a recently published book, Karim Pakradouni, the longtime emissary of Lebanon's rightist Christian Phalangist Party to Damascus, described Mr. Assad as "the Bismarck of

He said the Syrian leader had declared "the right of a state within the Soviet sphere of influence, in this case Syria, to watch over the security of another state in the American sphere — like Lebanon — even if this amounts to a violation of the principle that each of the great powers could intervene in its own sphere of influence without risking retaliation

By signing the 1980 treaty with Moscow, Mr. Pakradouni wrote, Mr. Assad "strengthened his military position, neutralized the leftwing opposition at home and appropriated radicalism for himself exclusively."

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Once in control of Khalde, the

where remnants of the Lebanese

The Druze Voice of the Moun-

tain radio announced that their

forces had scored "another glorious

victory" and taken control of the

Phalangist headquarters in Mishrif

and Damour, about 12 miles (20

The Phalangist military spokes-

man, Fadi Hayek, confirmed that

several hundred of their men "evac-

uated their barracks in Mishrif and

took up new positions" between the Damour River, 14 miles south

of Beirut, and the Israeli lines along

the Awali River, 25 miles south of

[A Reuters dispatch from Tel

Aviv quoted an Israeli military source as saying: "Reports reach-ing us say Palestinian terrorists

have begun returning to areas Isra-

Chuf mountains outside the city."

The guerrillas were said to be

units attacking Lebanese Army po-sitions around the coastal town of

cooperating with Druze and Shiite

kilometers) south of Beirut.

holding out.

Chernenko Urged U.S. Cooperation In Restraining Regional Conflicts

By Bernard Gwertzman

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - President Ronald Reagan has announced that Konstantin U. Chernenko, the new Soviet leader, told Vice President George Bush that the United States and the Soviet Union should see to it "that regional conflicts did

not get out of control." In the first detailed discussion of what was said between Mr. Chernenko and Mr. Bush in Moscow on Tuesday, Mr. Reagan said the Soviet leader also said there should be "safeguards against any inadvertent use of nuclear weapons."

"His whole tone and his words were such that indicated that he believed hat there was an area for us to come to agreement on these things," Mr. Reagan said. Mr. Reagan made his remarks to a group of reporters Wednesday.

[President Reagan on Thursday heard Mr. Bush's views on his meeting with the new Soviet leader, and the president's spokesman refused to say whether Mr. Bush had won specific agreement from the Russians for a resumption of arms control talks, The Associated Press

reported in Washington. [The president met with Mr. Bush, Secretary of State George P. Shultz and the national security adviser, Robert C. McFarlane, at lunch to talk about Mr. Bush's trip as well as the situation in Lebanon.] Mr. Bush and Mr. Chernenko met for only 30 minutes while Mr.

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Italy's defense minister, Gio-

vanni Spadolini, said Thursday

that most of his country's troop

contingent in the multinational

force in Lebanon would be with-

drawn in the next few days, Reuters

to Beirut that most of the 1.400

troops of the San Marco Battalion

would be pulled out and would stay

in two ships off the coast to await

further developments in the Leba-

Italian Withdrawal

funeral of President Yuri V. Andropov, and because they had to use interpreters, there was little dis-

Mr. Reagan said Mr. Chernenko "did not retreat from his - the basic Soviet positions. At the same time, he expressed a desire for better relations."

In the past, the Soviet Union and the United States have separately emphasized the need to prevent regional conflicts from growing and forcing the superpowers into direct confrontation. In practice, that has produced a certain restraint by Moscow and Washington in direct military involvement in such areas as the Middle East and Central

Both, however, have continued to supply military aid to their allies while condemning the other for doing so. For instance, the Soviet Union has supplied vast amounts of military equipment to Syria while condemning the United boy." States for doing the same with Israel, and vice versa.

Efforts by the United States and military supplies to volatile regions foundered during the Carter ad-

Wednesday that he thought it best **Gorbachov Speech** productive to us," he said.

Mr. Reagan did not indicate any Thursday about divisions and ri-

Mr. Bush was in Moscow for the change in the U.S. bargaining position on arms control or other issues. He also made some denigrating comments about the Soviet Union, reminiscent of past statements that some experts believe

> contributed to tensions. He said that while flying by helicopter he has often "fantasized" about having Soviet leaders sitting next to him and saying to them: "That's where the workers in America live. They live like that. How long are you going to cling to that system of yours that can't provide anything like that for these

> Mr. Reagan reaffirmed that before agreeing to a conference with the Soviet leader, he would want it well-prepared and likely to produce concrete results.

When a correspondent said former President Richard M. Nixon had advocated a "get-acquainteo" meeting to demonstrate that Mr. Reagan was not "a reckless cow-Mr. Reagan referred to the meeting between President John F. Kennedy and Nikita S. Khrushchev in 1961 that led to disagreethe Soviet Union to discuss curbing ments and increased tensions over

"There was a letdown all over mistration. because nothing practical was accomplished," he said.

to use quiet diplomacy. We seek whatever channels will be the most on the election of Mr. Cherport on the election of Mr. Chernenko provoked new speculation



Mikhail S. Gorbachov

valries within the ruling Politburo, Reuters reported from Moscow. The report covered the proceed-

ings of the Communist Party's Central Committee meeting Monday, which endorsed the nomination of Mr. Chernenko as new general secretary. It revealed for the first time that Mikhail S. Gorbachov, a Politburo member, had delivered a brief speech. Detailed reports in the state-controlled press and previously made no mention of his address.

The fact that Mr. Gorbachov spoke was seen by Western diplo-

mats as further evidence that he had effectively secured the No. 2 position in the Kremlin hierarchy. But they said the silence of the media suggested that somebody in authority had given orders that Mr. Gorbachov's role at the meeting was to be ignored.

and Israel's Awali line. ["We shall not permit terrorists to return to areas we evacuated and have been among the vessels sunk will drive them out if necessary," or damaged. (Reuters, AP, UPI) the source said.] Bodies Found in Chuf The decomposed bodies of French Detect

and Israel's Awali line.

scores of men, women and children were found in a mountain village Thursday. Druze militiamen said they were among 100 people mas-sacred by rightist Christian militiamen five months ago, The Associated Press reported from Beirut.

Western reporters, including a CBS television crew, were taken to the village of Kfar Matta, 15 miles southeast of Beirut, by Druze fighters who captured the area from the Lebanese Army this week.

Some bodies were piled in houses and others were scattered in fields. Militiamen said the victims had been killed during the three weeks of fighting that followed the Israeli pullout from the Chuf in Septem-

In one house was a blood-stained pillow bearing a message apparent-ly left by Clark Todd, the London bureau chief for the Canadian television network CTV.

"Please tell my family I love them," said the message, which in-cluded the family's address in Hatfield, Hertfordshire. It was signed "Clark." Mr. Todd bled to death from a shrapnel wound suffered as he was covering the war in the Chuf. His body was taken from the village a week after his death by the

Japan's Liberal Democrats Look COSTA MESA, Calif. — Daniel Ellsberg, the anti-nuclear activist, and 27 other demonstrators were For Partners Among Opposition

By Clyde Haberman

TOKYO - After nearly three decades of controlling Japan's gov-ernment, the Liberal Democratic Party has begun to look for partners in the opposition to keep its

The Liberal Democrats, who comprise a conservative federation despite the name, entered into a formal coalition in December with a tiny conservative group, the New Liberal Club. It was the first time that the governing party had formed a coalition since taking

But a potentially more significant move is an attempt by the Liberal Democrats in recent days to develop stronger ties with the Democratic Socialists, a middle-of-

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largest in terms of the number of seats it holds in the Diet.

but leaders of both parties are em- help to govern effectively. phasizing "cooperation." that, after years of exclusive one-typical of recent trends. party rule, Japan may be entering

an era of coalition politics. Rokusuke Tanaka, secretary-gen-eral of the Liberal Democratic Party. "But it happens now and again in other parliamentary democra-

The maneuvering does not sug-gest a departure from the governdiscussions involve parties that are in broad agreement on military and economic matters and on currently

being handled. fashionable issues such as streamlining the government bureaucracy. For the Liberal Democrats, the to be seeking a backstop in case its

the-road party and Japan's fourth jority in three of the last four elec-Gromyko. tions, going back to 1976. Party strategists are known to believe Talks with the Democratic So- that, while they are in no foreseecialists have been tentative and are able danger of outright loss of an a long way from a true partnership, election, they may need outside

Last December's election for the The Liberal Democrats, led by

ease East-West tensions. Prime Minister Yasuhiro Naka-Close cooperation between the sone, captured 250 seats, by far the governing and opposition parties is most for any one party but short of unusual in Japan," according to the 256 required for a majority in the 511-member chamber. After the election, Mr. Nakasone

AMMAN, Jordan -- King Hussein of Jordan, in a congratulatory message to the new Soviet leader, Konstantin U. Chernenko, has votes by joining with the New Lib.

Konstantin U. Chernenko, has eral Club, a band of former Liberal praised Soviet support for Arab causes, the official Jordanian news agency Petra said Thursday. "Jordan and the Arab nation ap-

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Iran Mounts

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tacks on shipping in the Gulf.

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threats to blockade the Gulf.

The two actions follow an inten-

sification of the conflict with air

attacks and shelling on towns on

both sides and renewed Iranian

Tehran radio, monitored in An-

kara, broadcast exhortations to Ira-

nian combatants, "Kill them, destroy them, rout them, rout the

decaying army of Saddam," a refer-

ence to Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi

Tehran radio said Iranian troops

guests in the hotel as well as Iraqi

soldiers nearby were killed or

Diplomats in Baghdad say re-cent reports from Tehran have in-

dicated that about 500,000 Iranian

troops were sent recently to the war

fronts in preparation for an offen-

sive. The ground lighting has been

stalemated for several months.

man said five "enemy naval tar-

gets" had been destroyed Thursday

in naval and air attacks at the head

Iraqi mines. He did not identify the

Soviet Change

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willingness. I can't say willingness,

but I also don't want to leave the

wrong impression. My view is that

there will be a resumption of talks.

But I can't say out of that meeting I

detected a schedule or an agenda or anything of that nature. But I did

The French official said the con-

viction that Soviet-American arms

talks would resume was a basic

talks would resume only after a

gradual increase in Soviet-Ameri-

can contacts on nonmilitary issues.

that Mr. Gromyko's presence in Stockholm last month at the start

of the East-West talks on security

and confidence-building measures

in Europe signaled a change in

The deployment of new U.S. missiles in Western Europe, Mr. Gromyko's meetings in Stockholm

with Western foreign ministers, ex-pressions of Western interest in

developing contacts, and the possi-

bilities opened by the change in Soviet leader all contributed to

what France now regards as a Sovi-

In Stockholm, Mr. Cheysson was the first of the Western foreign-ministers there to confer with Mr.

counterbalance to the buildup of

Soviet SS-20s targeted on Western

Europe, has tried to improve rela-

tions with the Soviet Union. Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher has

also started efforts to develop Brit-

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ANKARA - Iran launched an

Kiessling Report Altered, Colonel Says BONN (Reuters) - The military counterintelligence report that led to the dismissal of a West German general as a security risk was altered to

increase its impact on Defense Minister Manfred Worner, investigators were told Thursday.

Colonel Oskar Schröder told a parliamentary committee that the counterintelligence chief, General Helmar Behrendt, edited the report

that identified General Gunter Kiessling as a patron of homosexual bass.

The colonel said the general changed the words "police authorities" to

"state criminal investigation office." offensive in the Gulf war early On Wednesday, General Behrendt said he could not explain the Thursday, and Iraq stepped up atrevisions. He conceded that a change suggesting that senior police officials would back the report must have given it added weight with Mr. Womer. General Kiessling was reinstated after witnesses retracted their The operation, Tehran radio said, "will settle the war with Iraq." In Baghdad, a military spokes-

EC Is Offered Plan on Farm Spending

the Iranian attack.
Shortly after Tehran announced the start of the offensive, about 175 BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The European Commission Thursday published proposals for curbing European Community spending, especially farm subsidies, in an attempt to resolve the community financial kilometers (110 miles) east of Baghdad, Iraq said it had destroyed sev-"enemy naval targets" in a con-

The commission proposes to limit farm spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the community's \$24-billion budget, and to set up a monitoring system that would enable early action to be taken whenever the budget begins to run out of control. Officials have said the farm budget would fall short by about \$850 million in 1984 if count leaders meeting in Brussels next month fail to agree on financial mea

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told Parliament in London on Thursday that she condemned the delay in the repayment of British's £450 million (\$630 million) budget refund from the EC. The Entopean Parliament decided in Strasbourg on Wednesday to postpone for one week consideration of regulations governing the repayment, making it unlikely that Britain will be repaid by the end of the current financial year

launched the offensive at midnight and by midday Thursday had bro-ken through Iraq's line. It said 1,200 Iraqis had been killed or Orlov Released From Soviet Prison

MOSCOW (UPI) - Yuri Orlov, a human rights activist, was re-The radio pinpointed the localeased from prison after complettion of the new assault as the Chaning a seven-year term, a Western guleh region, southeast of the bordiplomat reported Thursday. Mr. der town of Mehran. Iran gave no Orlov, 59, will now spend five years indication of the number of troops of internal exile in an undisclosed

involved in the fighting.
This indicates Iran's immediate The diplomat said dissident objective is to recover a small area sources had informed him that Mr. of its territory that has been under Orlov was released last Friday. Iraqi occupation since the war be-Western rights groups had feared that Mr. Orlov, a physicist, would gan in September 1980. Iraq has built heavy fortifications in this be sentenced to an additional prison term instead of being released. A Tehran radio report said the Dissidents who have refused to ad-Sheraton hotel in the Iraqi town of mit their guilt at the end of their Basra was heavily damaged first prison term previously have Wednesday by long-range Iranian artillery fire. It said a number of been sentenced to new, long terms

Mr. Orlov was arrested in 1977 and sentenced to the maximum five of internal exile for anti-Soviet

term of seven years in prison and: agitation and propaganda in con-nection with his activities in the Helsinki Monitoring Group. Nurse Gets 99 Years in Baby Slaving

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) - Genene Jones, a murse found guilty of murdering a baby girl by injection, was sentenced to 59 years in priscal Thursday. Chelsea McClellan, 15 months old, died in September 1982 after receiving what were supposed to be routine immunizations in a pediatrician's office. Jurors took three hours Wednesday to agree with testimony that

el evacuated a few months ago, of the Gulf. He said two other tar-including the Beirut region and gets in the same convoy trying to gets in the same convoy trying to enter the Iranian oil port of Bandar showed the girl had died of an injection of succinylcholine, a muscle relaxant. Dr. Kathleen Holland, Miss Jones' employer, had ordered the Khomeini had been destroyed by nurse to give routine immunizations. . . . fraq has launched frequent at-

A prosecutor said Miss Jones had killed Chelsea "for her own carriedment." A witness had testified that Miss Jones wanted to "find" enough dead children to justify the opening of an intensive care unit for children at a nearby hospital. Six other suffered mysterious seizures similar to the girl's after receiving shots from

Swedish Navy Loses Trail of Alien Sub

STOCKHOLM (UPI) - The Swedish navy has lost track of what it believes to be a foreign submarine in waters near the strategic Karlskrona

naval base, officials said Thursday.

Vice Admiral Bror Stefenson, chief of the national defense staff, said the navy was now carrying out a "random search." Officials said no depth. charges had been dropped since two salvos were fired Tuesday at an underwater target just outside the Kariskrona facility on the Baltic Sea. The hunt was focused six miles (10 kilometers) northwest of rocks where a Soviet U-137 submarine ran aground in October 1981.

The navy is seeking what is believed to be a mini-submarine that has cluded sonar- and radar-equipped surface vessels and helicopters scanning the shallow sea bottom.

detect on their part an interest in arms reduction." Kohl Urges Reagan-Chernenko Talks BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Chancellor Helman Kohl of West Germany. called Thursday for an early meeting between President Ronald Reagan

and A musday for an early meeting between President Robatic Reagan and Konstantin U. Chernenko, the new Soviet leader.

Mr. Kohl met with Mr. Chernenko Tuesday after the funeral in Moscow of President Yuri V. Andropov. The chancellor, in Brussels for talks with Belgian leaders, said at a news conference that because his government had deployed U.S. nuclear missiles in West Germany he felt a duty to tell both sides that there must be talks on nuclear dissimument. The Soviet Union broke off the Geneva talks on medium-range and strategic missiles last year to protest the deployment of cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in West Germany and Britain.

Nigerian Leader Threatens Press Curb LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) - Nigeria's military leader. Major General

Muhammed Buhari, has threatened to curb Nigeria's press freedoms because of what he says are excesses that endanger stability. In an interview published Thursday in the Lagos National Concord newspaper, General Buhari said that provisions of the suspended federal constitution guaranteeing press freedom would be revised. "I am going to tamper with that," he was quoted as saying "It's because I know Nigerians very well."

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Most Nigerian newspapers have been so far unaffected by the Dec. 31 coup, which toppled the elected civilian government. General Buhan cited as inaccurate or irresponsible several reports carried in Nigerian cited as inaccurate or irresponsible several reports carried in Nigerian newspapers. Among the reports he mentioned was one that the oussel president, Shehu Shagari, was brought to Lagos in handcuffs after the coup. The general denied the report.

France, which has supported the Western missile deployment as a 2 Policemen Are Killed in Punjab

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Two policemen have been shot to death in Punjab, bringing the number of violent deaths there this week to 17, the

Press Trust of India news agency reported Thursday.

A police officer was killed and one seriously injured in an ambash by five Sikh extremists in Punjab's Gurdaspur district; the agency said, and another policeman was killed Wednesday night in the same district Violence began Tuesday during a strike called by Hindu militants

they would return home to try to restore order."

Greece Orders Dismissal of Teacher

of an American teacher from an Anglo-American school in Athens for

complied with a telegram Monday from the Education Ministry ordered him to dismiss Dion Nittis, 39, a Greek-American from New York. Mr. Kidner said the school protested the decision and asked to appeal but was

Correction

causes and legitimate rights, especially the rights of the Palestinians to recover their land and to decide by themselves their future on their national soil." the message said.

Because of an editing error in Trursday's editions, an article or a land auction in Hong Kong incorrectly characterized file real estate market in the colony. The first paragraph should have said that the auction will be regarded as a barometer of the market, which has been week to more than two years.

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protesting what they say is favored treatment of Sikhs.

Talks between Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Sikh leaders were adjourned Thursday, and leaders of the main Sikh party. Akadi Dal, and

ATHENS (NYT) - The Greek government has ordered the dismissi

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put into action in a few days," Mr.

Spadolini said. Mr. Spadolini flew to the Italian

reported from Rome, quoting the Italian news agency ANSA. Mr. Spadolini said during a visit After A-Blast (Continued from Page 1) vada incident showed that Washington was not keeping to agreements on subterranean nuclear tests, Reuters reported from Mos-

cow. The news agency said that the ground would not have collapsed with the kind of low-yield warhead described in the U.S. announce-It was evidence that "the U.S. violates the letter and spirit and the treaties and agreements signed by it on the limitation of arms and does

not fulfill its juridical and political duties in this sphere," it said. The United States has never ratified two nuclear underground test treaties, drawn up in 1974 and 1976, but has pledged to adhere to them. They limit the size of under-

ground explosions to 150 kilotons.

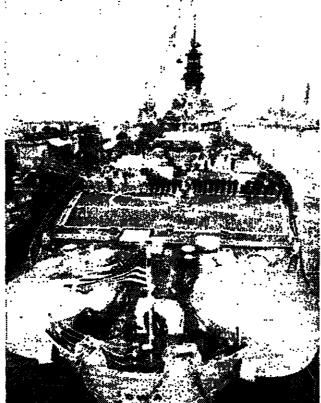
28 Activists Arrested in U.S. United Press International COSTA MESA, Calif. - Daniel arrested for trying to stop buses transporting about 200 delegates to a classified aerospace and weapons convention. Mr. Elisberg, a former Defense Department analyst, leaked the Pentagon Papers, a secret report on U.S. military involvement in Vietnam, to the press

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The World War II-era ship will be recommissioned in April to relieve the battleship New Jersey off Lebanon.

New York Times Service

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By talking now with the Demo-cratic Socialists, some officials believe Mr. Nakasone's party appears search for possible partners reflects alliance with the New Liberal Club its inability to win an absolute ma- falls through.

ion Altered Colonel Reagan Shifts Assertion Infants Surviving Abortion Pose Still More Ethical Problems On Deficits, Says They **Are Not Inflationary**

By Jonathan Fuerbringer New York Times Service

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WASHINGTON - President Ronald Reagan says that federal budget deficits are not a serious threat to the economic recovery and are not the cause of high inter-

These informal comments at a press breakfast Wednesday ap-peared to conflict with what the president said in his budget mesage and his economic report and with the views of Martin S. Feldstein, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers.

Mr. Reagan was asked if he was sorry he reappointed Paul A. Volcker as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board in July. The president did not answer the question directly but gave a noncommittal comment on the Federal Reserve's policies that raised some doubts about the administration's support of the board.

Mr. Volcker has said that high deficits are restraining economic recovery and has criticized an "ominous" trend toward heavy borrowing from abroad.

The president renewed criticism of congressional Democrats for not moving faster in negotiations with administration officials on ways to reduce the deficit.

He said taxes and military spending were to be discussed but he repeated his belief that "taxes are not the answer to the deficit problem" and that his military budget was necessary to assure national security.

Mr. Reagan was asked if he thought the deficit was a "serious threat to economic recovery," as many businessmen and economists

"No, I don't," he replied, "but

that doesn't mean that I don't take the debt seriously."

Then he said deficits were not a cause of high interest rates, reflecting the arguments of Treasury Sec-

retary Donald T. Regan "In these last couple of years. even though our deficits vastly increased, our interest rates went down to half of what they were," he said. "So that argument that has been used, I think, is wrong."

In his budget message to Congress, however, Mr. Reagan said: Only the threat of indefinitely prolonged high budget deficits threatens the continuation of sustained noninflationary growth and prosperity. It raises the specter of sharply higher interest rates, choked off investment, renewed recession and rising unemployment."

Regan on Volcker

Mr. Regan, the treasury secretary, said Thursday that Mr. Rea-gan is satisfied with money supply targets set by the Federal Reserve Board and had not tried to put pressure on Mr. Volcker to improve an election-year economy, United Press International reported from

Asked about reports that some Treasury Department officials felt that the board was jeopardizing the economic recovery that Mr. Reagam hopes will enhance his re-elec-tion prospects, the secretary said the president had no complaints about Mr. Volcker's money supply

Mr. Reagan, he said, "had no desire or any need for excessive money supply nor did he want the money supply too tight. He wanted enough money supply that would allow the growth that both the Fed and the administration are project-

U.S. Business Group Predicts Deficits For Pension Plan if Economy Lags New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - A national business organization has warned that if the U.S. economy does not perform as well as Congress ex- were "all relatively optimistic, givpects, the Social Security retire- en recent economic performance," ment program could face another and "fail to cover a realistic range financial crisis in the 1980s.

The 1983 amendments to the Social Security Act, intended to assure the solvency of the Social Security trust funds for at least 75 years, "provide very little margin of according to the report issued Wednesday by the Committee or Economic Development, a pri-

vate nonprofit, nonpartisan group. The report said the economic assumptions used by Congress and the Social Security Administration of possibilities."

The 1983 amendments speeded up the introduction of previously scheduled payroll tax increases, delayed the 1983 cost-of-living adinstment for six months and expanded coverage to include employees of the federal government and nonprofit organizations.

By Dena Kleiman New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A woman went to Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan for an abortion. When it was done, the doctors told her she had just given

The child, though seriously brain-damaged, was saved by new techniques of caring for extremely premature infants, and the techniques get better every year. The number of children surviving abortions is still tiny and their chances of leading healthy lives are small, but they are posing extraordinarily troubling problems for doctors and hospital administrators.

Dr. Alan Rosenfield, acting director of obstetrics and gynecology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, said, "The area of late abortions is one of our most difficult areas. There are no easy answers, given our technology now,"
In its landmark 1973 decision, the U.S. Supreme

Court upheld a woman's right to abortion until the point of fetal viability and said that point was generally about 28 weeks after conception. In the state of New York, the law allows abortions through the 24th week. But advances in medical science have made it possible to sustain the lives of infants as early as 23 weeks.

Of more than 160,000 abortions performed in 1982 in New York, there were 18 live births, according to statistics maintained by the state and city health departments. No statistics are maintained nationwide. But the very possibility has stirred internal hospital

Live births after abortions are still extremely rare.

fects and what procedures should be taken if a child is

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There are difficult new legal issues. When an abortion becomes a birth, it is unclear who must decide what procedures are in the infant's best interest and

who is financially responsible. Because infants are injured in the abortion process legal scholars are asking whether it would be possible for such a seriously injured infant to make a claim of 'wrongful life" against a hospital.

Some hospitals now perform elective abortions only until the 20th week except where a fetus has been determined to have major defects.

Others, refusing to make even that exception, are declining to perform amniocentesis, the genetic screening of the amniotic fluid surrounding the fetus, which is recommended for women over 35 and is undergone by countless others to detect fetal

Some hospitals are switching to an abortion procedure that eliminates any possibility that a fetus might live. At still others, faunlies are routinely advised that an abortion may result in a live birth.

The subject is rife with emotion and debate. Much of the discussion is taking place behind closed doors.

Many doctors declined to return telephone calls. In one case, the director of obstetrics at a major New York hospital spoke in detail of an aborted infant's survival and its traumatic impact on the hospital's staff. The next day, he called back to deny the incident had occurred.

discussions of when and how abortions are performed.

Although the great majority of hospitals agree pubwhether late pregnancies should be screened for delicly that any infant who survives an abortion or

miscarriage should be kept alive, doctors acknowledge . privately that the practice varies widely from hospital

Dr. Gordon W. Donglas, the chief of obstetrics and gynecology at New York University Medical Center, where abortions are performed only until the 20th week of pregnancy except in cases of fetal abnormality, said, "It's necessary to remember that these days abortion is done on request and therefore not a procedure you undertake in the interest of the fetus.

"What most of us my to do is to my to remain within the law and not generate problems for anyone. The hospital requires any live fetus to be given full supportive services and full resuscitation regardless of prognosis. But the delivery of a living fetus carries no guarantee of a surviving adult of any competence." Complicating the problem for doctors are advances

in detecting defects long before birth. Many of those procedures, including amniocentesis, cannot be per-formed until relatively late in the pregnancy, so often decisions about such abortions are made just at the edge of fetal viability.

It makes us all schizophrenic," said Dr. Richard Hansknecht, an associate clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Mount Sinai Hospital who specializes in high-risk pregnancies. "Nowadays we are asked to terminate a pregnancy that in two weeks doctors on the same floor are fighting to save."

abortions are performed. Generally, there are three methods.

Injecting saline into the amniotic sac to induce labor in the mother is still the most common procedure in

Much debate concerns the method by which late

the fetus, it has been associated with harmful side effects in women and doctors have increasingly turned

to the use of prosteglandin in late abortions. Prosteglandin is a substance that also induces labor, but it does not poison the fetus. Of all abortion methods, prosteglandin, while believed to be the safest for women by some doctors, is the most likely to result

in a live birth. The third and most controversial of the methods is dilation and evacuation, known as D and E. It involves dismembering the fetus while still in the womb, which eliminates any possibility of live birth. It is a relatively new procedure in late abortions and is generally be-lieved to be among the safest for women and the least psychologically painful. However, it is also generally

considered the most traumatic for doctors and staff. According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, the use of dilation and evacuation in secondtrimester abortions has increased greatly in recent years, as it has gained in acceptance.

Dr. E. Wyman Garrett, an obstetrician in Newark, New Jersey, who has developed expertise in performing D and E through the 24th week of pregnancy, said he prefers that method because it is safer for the woman and because it avoids the agonizing decision of what to do when a child is born alive - a situation he confronted last year.

In that instance, Dr. Garrett performed a saline abortion at University Hospital in Newark. The infant that emerged weighed about I pound, 10 ounces (740 grams) and was alive. It was born Jan. 13 and died April 29 after developing meningitis.



REAL INSPECTOR HOUND — President Ronald Reagan greets McGruff, the crime dog, at a White House ceremony recognizing Crime Prevention Week. Inside the McGruff exterior is Sheriff's Sergeant Winston Cavendish of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

U.S. Army Plans Fast-Reacting Mobile Infantry

WASHINGTON - In a search for speed and mobility, the U.S. Army plans to create two light infantry divisions capable of reach-

army officials say.

One of the light divisions, to be comprised of 10,212 soldiers compared to 18,486 in a current infantry division, will be drawn later this year from the 7th Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California. The second division will be created from scratch, giving the army 17 divi-sions by September 1985, the offi-cials said Wednesday. Because of a preoccupation with

stopping a massive Soviet assault, the army has been transfigured since the Korean War from a force of predominantly "light" combat units relying on foot soldiers to one built overwhelmingly of "heavy" divisions outfitted with tanks, armored personnel carriers and other

Pentagon planners concede that this 30-year trend has cut into the army's ability to react quickly because the heavy divisions require greater airlift and maintenance It would take at least 12 days and

nearly 1,500 sorties with C-141 transport planes to move one of the

ic, for every two combat soldiers. to fight in concert with other mili-

days, army officials say, with three ing world combat zones three times combat troops for each support faster than conventional divisions, soldier. In addition to being smaller, the light division will do without the 54 tanks and 76 armored personnel carriers now assigned to infantry divisions and will be outfitted with smaller, lighter artillery howitzers. Also, every soldier will carry night-vision gear enabling him to fight in darkness

"What that will buy you is mobility," a colonel said.

Officials said that they have yet to set a price tag for the new strategy, which has been under development since early last summer, although the army's troop strength will remain stable at 780,000 and no additional funds are required, at least for fiscal 1985. Those skeptical of the new strat-

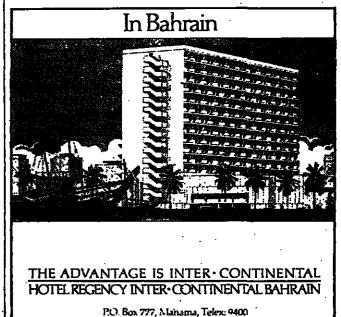
egy argue that light divisions essen-tially duplicate the Marines. Also, a light division requires resupply after two days of combat compared to five days for a standard division. "Light divisions have a way of getting heavier," an official said.
"It will be interesting to see what happens with these."

Army officials reply that the Marines are intended for "sea-level army's current divisions to the Gulf combat," particularly on beaches,

region, according to army figures. and that the light divisions will be they went into Lebanon that it was The division would require one more flexible by virtue of an ability absolutely essential to put dissupport soldier, such as a mechanto fight inland. The unit is intended mounted infantry onto the high The new light division will be tary forces, such as the Rapid De-able to make the same move in four ployment Force or armored divisions, they added.

"The Israelis found that when

ground to clear that," an officer said. "An infantryman in the right terrain is very hard to do anything about. He's very hard to detect and therefore hard to target."



Librarians Seek Curb on U.S. Spy Unit

By David Burnham New York Times Service

WASHINGTON -- Groups representing thousands of libraries, librarians and historians have asked a U.S. Federal Court to hold that the National Security Agency had no legal authority to direct a private library to withdraw unclassitied documents from public view.

"What is at stake here is the fundamental integrity of library collections all over the country. said Judith Krugg, director of the office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association. The National Security Agency is the largest and most secretive intelligence agency in the United States.

The suit was brought after the agency directed a private library in Virginia to halt public access to letters and other material quoted in an already published book that was critical of the agency. The intelligence agency had no

immediate comment on the suit. Last year, however, Lieutenant General Lincoln D. Faurer, director of the agency, defended the agency's effort to remove declassified material from public access as a "routine" part of the agency's responsibility "to advise and assist in the protection of NSA-related national security information."

The dispute centers on some of the letters, personal papers and government documents belonging to William A. Friedman, a govern-ment expert on the making and breaking of codes from World War I until his retirement from the agency in 1955.

At the time of his death in 1969, Mr. Friedman gave his papers to the George C. Marshall Foundation, which maintains a library open to the public on the campus of the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia. Over the next ace," 10 years officials of the agency reviewed the Friedman material on

Touch of Class: Robbers Arrive In a Helicopter

The Associated Press LEESVILLE, Louisiana Five bank robbers remained at large Thursday after landing in a stolen helicopter, robbing \$163,000 from a bank and taking off again without firing a

Wednesday was payday at the Fort Polk Army Base, a few hundred feet from the Merchants and Farmers Bank in Leesville, and police said the holdup men probably knew the bank would have a large amount of money. The helicopter, registered to Commercial Helicopters Inc. of Lafayette, Louisiana, was reported stolen Tuesday night in Galveston.

"Everybody thought it was a SWAT team," said a man who was in the bank when the helicopter landed on the front lawn. He said that the robbery took four or live minutes and that one of the men had the word "police" stenciled on a white vest.

"You've got to admit, they have style," said state Trooper Darrell Guillory.

several occasions and directed that hundreds of documents be with- asked for no spending to reduce the drawn from public view. Some of the material was classified, some

In 1979, James Bamford, a researcher working on a book about the agency, requested permission to see the withdrawn but unclassified material. The library decided to lieved to turn into sulfuric and nimake the material available to Mr. tric oxides that fall to earth as acid Bamford and the public at large. In October 1980 and April 1983,

officials of the agency ordered that the documents that had been made drawn from public access. The sec- acting immediately. ond request was made after Mr. Bamford's book, "The Puzzle Palwere referred to in the book.

U.S. Stand on Acid Rain **Undercuts Ottawa Plans**

New York Times Service

OTTAWA - Canadian officials say they are rethinking their policy on acid rain because of President Ronald Reagan's decision to limit U.S. efforts on the environmental problem to more research, rather than attempt to reduce acid rain. Canadians consider the problem

the prime irritant between the two Among the options they have under scrutiny is to cut sulfur emissions in Canada by twice as much as currently planned, according to

Dr. Robert W. Slater, assistant deputy minister of the Environmental Protection Service. But he suggested that Canada's hopes of tying further cuts to equiv-

alent reductions by the United States had been undercut by Mr. Reagan's position. "One of our fundamental assumptions has been questioned," he said. A formal protest to Washington

is expected by the end of this week, Canadian officials said. Mr. Reagan announced the U.S.

policy in his State of the Union message. In the budget submitted after the speech, he proposed to double the spending for research on acid rain to \$55.5 million. But he pollution causing it, despite bills currently in the House of Representatives and the Senate that aim to cut the kind of sulfur emissions believed to cause acid rain.

power plants and factories are berain or snow. This is widely thought to be destroying freshwater life and damaging forests and crops. The Canadians contend that enough is available to Mr. Bamford be with- already known about it to begin

The acid rain problem is more acute in Canada, whose most popuwas published. Some of the lous region is directly affected. items the agency wanted removed About 8 percent of the Canadian gross national product is believed

to lakes, forests and croplands.

Most of the spending necessary to reduce the problem would involve cutting sulfur emissions on the American side of the border. Damage on the American side is also believed to run into the billions of dollars, but it is propor-

economy. And since the problem primarily affects the Northeast, the sue of apportioning cleanup costs is a politically sensitive one.

Meanwhile, Governor John H. Sunnnu of New Hampshire con-tended last week that Canada had done "a terrible job" in controlling

emissions and dismissed Canadian complaints about the United States as "rhetoric." , Canadian officials agree that they could do more. They estimate that their country emits more sulfur per person into the atmosphere. but they argue that their controls are at least as strict as those of the United States and that the differ-

eace in per capita pollution is a direct result of Canada's much smaller population. Until now the Canadian goal has been to cut emissions by 25 percent by 1990, with another 25 percent cut depending on similar actions by the United States, though critics argue this is not enough. The Canadian government has maintained that as pollutants do not respect

erate on the problem. elieved to cause acid rain.

Emissions from coal-burning sidering moving even further by ower plants and factories are believed to turn into sulfurio and minimum tion, they said, would at least help enough to stop all the damage.

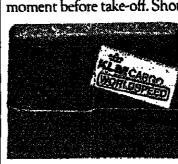
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The Censorship Directive

The White House says that it will suspend the attack on federal officials' civil liberties that it launched last year in a wildly misdirected attempt to stop leaks. White House staff people speak of backing off and negotiating with Congress. To the extent that this retrest indicates diminishing enthusiasm for a genuinely bad idea, it is welcome. But Mr. Reagan

would do better to drop the whole enterprise. In a directive last March, he proposed two notably unwise innovations. He called for much wider use of lie detectors in the investigations of leaked information. And he tried to establish a system of lifetime censorship of everyone who holds high security clearance requiring them even after leaving office to clear before publication anything they might write touching on national security. That would include not only the memoirs of former secretaries of state, but the position papers of former vice presidents who might be running for the higher office. It would mean that one party, ensconced in the White House, would be able to censor its predecessors' criticism on most of the interesting questions in foreign and defense policy. Is there really anyone at the White House who thinks that is desirable?

This whole venture originated last winter in a burst of irritation over the kind of published

comment that all presidents regard as subversive leaks, and that most other people consider to be the informed debate that is normal and necessary in a democracy. The administration's case for this drastic directive has been undercut from the beginning by its inability to come up with examples of real leaks sufficient to justify any great rightening of the rules. Last fall, Congress voted to suspend the censorship provision six months for reconsideration.

It would be excessively generous to assume that the administration's decision this week is owed to any new appreciation of the directive's implications for civil liberties. The White House clearly wants to avoid any further congressional action in this area, since it is now aware that majorities in both houses disapprove of its plan. More immediately, it wants to get the subject of security and leaks off the agenda of the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearings on the nomination of Edwin Meese as attorney general. But the committee should not be overly cooperative on that one. The Justice Department drafted that directive and, while it may be suspended, it has been neither revoked nor disavowed. Mr. Meese's positions on the directive and on the larger questions that lie behind it are well worth ascertaining.

--- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Medicare Money Machine

When a high-living millionaire suddenly finds himself headed for bankruptcy. shouldn't he stop handing out expensive gifts to his friends. That is the way some U.S. congressmen are beginning to feel about Medicare, the \$66-billion federal health insurance program for the elderly.

Medicare faces insolvency in the early 1990s, and keeping it affoat is the subject of hot debate. Yet until recently, norody seemed to care that the rules governing Medicare and also Medicaid, which insures the poor, allow expensive handouts: real estate windfalls worth hundreds of millions to owners of privately run hospital chains.

For years. Medicare paid all reasonable hospital charges with few questions 2sked, Last October it clamped down on operating costs. setting fixed rates for specific medical procedures. But the old reasonable-cost policy remains for capital costs, about 7 percent of the

Medicare budget. The policy allows a hospital entrepreneur to bill government agencies for depreciation, for a fair return on money he himself puts up and for interest on borrowed money. In addition, under tax law changes the Reagan administration pushed through Congress in 1981, the entrepreneur can deduct depreciation from his taxable income at an accelerated rate.

As a result, in the words of one dismayed expert, private hospitals and nursing homes are considered "money machines." Their cost escalates rapidly with every sale, for reasons that have nothing to do with medical care, and Washington subsidizes the inflation.

A federal inspector-general in Kansas City

found that one merged chain valued at \$150 million in 1977 sold for \$650 million in 1981. The General Accounting Office found that after the Hospital Corp. of America bought a smaller chain, interest and depreciation costs went up \$55 million a year. When Medicare cranked the increase into its reimbursement formula for one acquired hospital, the daily payment per panent went up by \$26.35.

though medical services remained the same. How to reduce the windfalls and bring down the prices they inflate? One way would be to hold permissible depreciation claims constant through subsequent sales of a hospital property. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this change alone, if enacted next year, would save \$830 million by 1989. Additional savings might result from closer scrutiny of interest expenses. Some private hospitals argue that eliminat-

ing the windfalls would dry up capital for hospitals that provide valued services, especially in rural areas. But some private hospitals believe the changes would reduce the prices of hospital transactions without discouraging investment. No capital shortage occurred when New York restricted state-administered Medicaid reimbursements after the nursing home scandals of the 1970s.

If attracting capital is a problem, the remedy would be to use the operating reimbursement formulas to reward good management, not to continue the windfalls. Private hospitals, and their patients, need investors who want to make money by providing efficient medical care, not by finding loopholes in the law.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ment between the departments of defense and state after the virtual dissolution of the Lebanese Army that the

were reasonable and the prospective reward proportional. In Lebanon, President Eisenhower gambled by landing the marines there, and he won. Mr. Reagan gambled in 1982 by landing the marines there, and then again last year by deciding to keep them there, and he lost. At least Mr. Reagan would certainly appear to have lost in Lebanon, given his own declarations on the subject. But consider, first, these inconsistencies.

Ten days ago President Amin Gemayel was saying that if the marines were withdrawn from Beirut, all would be lost, and Syria would, in effect, take over the country. But the day before the withdrawal began, Mr. Gemayel told Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee the opposite thing, that he wished the marines would leave. In May, the Israeli Army withdrew southward to within a reasonable limit of its own frontiers, having been assured by Mr. Gemayel that such an act would affect the Syrian disposition itself to withdraw.

The Syrian disposition, on the contrary, sharpened. The Shilte forces became not less but more active; not more cooperative with the Lebanon government but less so. And President Reagan, having several times said that the United States could not withdraw, has now begun to do so. What happened, one gathers, is that there was a convergence of judg-

N EW YORK — It is not wrong to gamble and to lose if the odds

By William F. Buckley

Losing to the 'When-in-Doubt' Villain

moment had come to alter radically the package. More aid to Mr. Gemayel, but no marines.

It is not sufficiently understood about Ronald Reagan that he is a great compromiser. So was Franklin Roosevelt; so was Abraham Lincoln, who wrote to Horace Greeley that he would agree to retain slavery if only the survival of the Union were guar-anteed. Mr. Reagan was increasingly isolated in his keep-the-boys-in-Leb-

Mr. Reagan's critics are less interested in Lebanon, mind you, than they are in criticizing Mr. Reagan. The New York Times's Anthony Lewis ("A Presidency of Failure," IHT, Feb. 10) positively synthesynthesis the important of Mr. Peners about the ignorance of Mr. Reagan, never pausing to contemplate that men about whom one could not allege ignorance were urging Mr. Rea-gan to keep the marines in Beirut: for instance, George Shultz, who knows the Middle East better than Tony Lewis knows Boston. It was a gamble, as I say, and the gamble was lost. And supply-side punditry now gushes in with what it is that Mr. Reagan should have done, and what he now

should do. When in doubt, in world diplomacy, one cannot err by pointing to our old friend the focus of evil. It is hard to imagine any situation anywhere in the world in which the United States is seriously or energetically involved, in which but for the presence of the Soviet Union, things would be greatly improved. Syria as a military power is about as threatening as Monaco — but for an estimated \$3 billion worth of Soviet armaments. Is there an American who cares deeply what is the distribution of political power within Lebanon, except for the leverage of the Soviet Union?

Mr. Reagan faced two alternatives last fall, one of them to blow Syrian advance forces to hell - what one might call the General Patton alternative. The other - the one he elected — was to gamble on the flower power of good reason and the dew-drop lure of reconciliation. He gambled and lost. More than 200 marines lost their lives. But to join the marines, like joining the police force, is to run risks. Presidential gambles involving the military are gambles not only of presidential prestige, but of nonpresidential lives.

The focus of U.S. policy must continue to be on the capacity and disposition of the Soviet Union to turn every country in the world over which it has some control into another Lebanon. It is the Soviet Union, again and again, against which the United States needs to contend.

Reagan Can Still Catch Second Wind in Mideast

By Joseph Kraft

WASHINGTON - No claborate VV inquest is necessary to under-stand why the United States has to withdraw the marines from Lebanon.
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ingness to use force.

So long as that imbalance persists, events will run against the United States and its friends. But the recent meetings in Washington with moderate Arabs show that the United States can develop a second wind in

the Middle East.
The mismatch between ends and means that the United States built up in Lebanon is easy to trace. The State Department, true to the bent of its various factions, devel-

oped four major diplomatic purposes in Lebanon. One was a unified Lebanon free of foreign forces. A second was accord between Israel and Lebanon. A third was to use Lebanon as a crncible for peace between Israel and the Arabs. Finally, as tensions with Syria rose, came the idea of forging around Lebanon a bloc of "moderate" Arab leaders.
The Defense Department worked

steadily against a commitment that offered no promise of victory. From the start, the Pentagon emphasized the provisional, noncombat nature of the marine presence. It opposed retaliation against the Syrian sponsors of the Moslem terrorists who struck the marines in October. When the government of President Amin Gemayel started to collapse, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger led the charge for a quick withdrawal. That State and Defense could act

so much at odds so long and with such impunity shows where the true blame lies. President Reagan, instead of knocking heads and forcing a reckoning between incompatible posi-tions, tried to turn to his own account the attractive features of every argu-ment. He insisted he was standing by President Gemayel and the Israelis and the "moderate" Arabs. He saluied Jesse Jackson for his Syria visit. He identified with the marines and said he was "not ready to surrender."

But even when forced by events to accept the redeployment of the marines, the president seems not to have understood what happened instead of being straightforward, the White House tried a piece of slick packag-ing. To give the impression that Mr. Reagan was in full control, his spokesmen claimed that he had been working on the decision to withdraw

That foolish assertion implied that Mr. Reagan had planned to be in Santa Barbara for the crisis, and that

he had arranged to send George Shultz to Latin America for the occasion. It reduced to Nixonian duplici-

trsit) son. It reduced to Nixonian duplicate what was only bombast.

Worse still, the White House did not resolve the basic internal dispute. The State Department pushed for a slow and incomplete withdrawal. The Pentagon sought more rapid and decisive action. To sustain the position, in the interim, U.S. naval forces initiated new bombardments on the positions of dissident Moslems.

The upshot has been a further deterioration in the military and political

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rioration in the military and political position of the Gemayel government. Dissident Moslem forces have seized most of Beirut, and moved from the mountains behind town to the sea. thus cutting off the marines. President Genayel has renounced the May 17 agreement with Israel

Further trouble remains likely. A collapse of the government cannot be ruled out, nor an explosion that reduces Lebanon to its component pieces. Even then, all would not be lost. For the Lebanese Christians hold substantial territory around Beirut, and they remain in position to negotiate with the dissidents. The Syrians backing the dissidents have to worry about the Israeli forces in southern Lebanon.

Moreover, the United States con- e-times to be vital to other key players in the Middle East. The visit of President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt shows that the United States still counts with the country that is the center of gravity of the Arab world. The visit of King Hussein of Jordan underlines the importance of the United States to a leader central to the resolution of

the Palestinian problem.

Mr. Mubarak and King Hussein both have their own agendas, of course. Both depend importantly on American aid, and both want assurances against radical nationalists working out of Syria and Iran. But together Egypt and Jordan provide a way to protect the oil states of the Gulf against the radical nationalists. Eventually, they can work with Israel to impart new momentum to the

Camp David peace process.

That process, of course, is for the long term. Rushing to embrace the Palestinians now, as some suggest, would make trouble between the United States and Israel. But moving slowly in the Middle East is not impossible, especially during an elec-tion year. The United States continues to be central to the future of the area. The move to extricate the Marines from Lebanon, however badly handled, was the right decision.

Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Other Opinion

Chernenko Offers an Opening

Konstantin Chernenko may now emerge from the shadows, as Nikita Khrushchev did, and demonstrate surprising leadership, but the odds are against it. Mr. Chernenko is a bureaucrat, a committee man, not to be suspected of originality. The Soviet glacier has been totally immobile for months. It won't move last now, but any movement at all is to be welcomed.

President Reagan's comments since Yuri Andropov's death have been statesmanlike and sensible, and now Mr. Chernenko has issued a mild statement of his own, making the remarkable claim that the U.S.S.R. has followed a policy of peaceful coexistence and noninterference since Lenin's days. That is nonsense, of course, but the thing is to take him at his word, not to straighten the record.

If the Russians want good relations, dia-logue with the United States and reduced tensions, then so do we. The greatest danger facing the world has been the freeze in U.S.-Soviet relations. Mr. Andropov's death gives an opportunity to start over.

- The New York Daily News.

Analysis have portrayed Mr. Chernenko as a "gray man of the old guard." a "colorless bureaucrat," while acknowledging that no one in the West, and not many in Moscow, have any idea about the rivalries, pressures, divisions, jealousies, strengths and weaknesses that brought him to power.

Mr. Chemenko has held no government positions, and appears to have only the most limited knowledge of industrial management and foreign affairs. His life and work have been the party. But he has, unlike most senior

Soviet officials, ventured west of the Iron Curtain for brief trips.

two superpowers that has taken place under Mr. Andropov and Mr. Reagan is too dangerous to be left on hold. Mr. Chernenko indicated, by the emphases of his acceptance speech, that he may understand this. He transmitted an invitation that merits a prompt response. - The Los Angeles Times.

It will be good for Mr. Chernenko to have met, albeit briefly, the Western leaders who traveled to Moscow [for the Andropov funerall. His experience of the non-Soviet world is woefully small, as indeed is his knowledge of economic administration and most other governmental responsibilities. But it would be rash to claim that the other candidates might have been preferable. There would simply have been longer to become acquainted.

- The Times (London).

Under Mr. Chernenko there will be no rocking of the boat. He represents the huge network of provincial party bosses and bureaucrats whose feathers were briefly ruffled by a few months of Mr. Andropov's drive against lariness and corruption. What the Soviet Union is likely now to experience, however, is a revival of an old-fashioned neo-Stalinist

campaign for ideological purity. - The Daily Telegraph (London). It is hard to say what will be best or worst for the destiny of humanity. Secretary-generals come and go but the Soviet system as we know it stays.

- Le Soir (Brussels).

The Peculiar Profile of the Far-Right French Who Voted Left

D ARIS — Life in France would be hard to I imagine without "la droite" and "la gauche," venerable categories of right and left that are used to make every controversy binary and simple, allowing everyone effortlessly

to know where he stands. Since the left came to power in 1981, there an unioward addition to the tion. The "extrême droite" has emerged from the margin, where it had survived in recent years on no more than 3 percent of the vote. The last time the far right was serious in France was when a part of the army mutinied in 1961 and created the OAS to fight against de Gaulle and try to keep Algeria French.

In the past year, however, the far right has done well in four local elections, winning from 9 percent to 17 percent of the vote. It is expected to do as well, or better, in forthcoming elections for the European Parliament, when proportional representation may work in its favor.

The most important issue in these local elections, or at least the issue that politicians most talked about, was that of the immigrant workers in France, most of them North Africans. The immigrants are controversial in this time of 9-percent unemployment because it is a seductive idea that if they all went home Frenchmen would not be out of work. It is a false idea, since they mostly hold hard, dirty jobs Frenchmen no longer want. They also are the scapegoat for the French conviction

that their society is becoming violent. But who makes up this far right? There is a conventional belief on the left that it is

caused by poverty and social injustice

and that foreign economic assistance will prevent those revolutions.

The first myth is quite recent. Until

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United States, as part of the land-scape. Now, there is almost no one

who does not affirm that poverty and

social injustice are the causes of our

tumult. Yet history gives no solid

shameful history of deprivation and injustice. Yet in Latin America, nei-

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It would be foolish to deny our

evidence for such an assertion.

By William Plaff

The SOFRES polling group has just drawn a action (27 percent to 8 percent) than supportportrait of these people who have voted for, or consider themselves closest to, one or the other of the two far-right parties.

They turn out to be closer in attitude and right. They also prove more likely to have voted for the left in 1981, and for François Mitterrand, than for Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who was the incumbent president.

They are predominantly men (56 percent), considerably younger than opposition voters as a whole, and from the working class. The number of those who are artisans, farmers, shopkeepers, white-collar workers or professionals is within a point or two of the rest of the opposition. But 29 percent are workers, against 19 percent for the whole opposition, and only 21 percent are retired, against 31

percent in the larger group.

Eight percent of all those people who today oppose the Socialist-Communist government voted for the left in the first round of the presidential election in 1981. Eighteen percent of today's far right did so.

Twenty-two percent of the far right voted for François Mitterrand in the second and decisive presidential round in 1981. Only 58 percent of the rightists voted for Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, while 72 percent of the rest of those

who now oppose the government backed him. The sympathizers of the far right are more favorable to abortion, are less religious, less respectful of "family, work and religion" (the old Vichy values), less favorable to Gaullism, a lumperproletariat led by a fascist-minded bourgeoisie. The truth is more interesting, and much more favorable to illegal political

ers of the two big conservative parties. They are also more in favor of strong state authority, less willing to see a common European defense, but more willing to fight and die for are in favor of "cleaning house in France"; and by a very big majority, 72 percent, they say that politicians forget their promises once

they come to nower. These people of the far right are unsettled voters, on the left yesterday, the right today
—where tomorrow? They seem to know little, and perhaps care little, about the ideologies of their parties. They respond to action. The leader of the far right in France today, Jean-Marie Le Pen, is a 55-year-old ex-paratrooper

who says moderate things these days but conveys a sense of urgency and a scarcely contained violence. In this, he is like the Communist leader, Georges Marchais, Mr. Marchais says moderate things too, in a relishingly brutal manner. In both cases there is an implied challenge to

conventions, a wink, more than a hint of contempt for the rules of the game. It is, implicitly, an anti-republican appeal. And yet, here exactly is what sets off the nists of 1984 from those of 50 years ago.

In February 1934, when the parliament was attacked and Paris saw its worst violence since the Commune, the right was large, powerful, incorporating major newspapers and important intellectuals — and it was frankly against republican government. The republic, it said, was government "by the head."

republic. No one today can imagine an alternative. No one wants anything else. There are bitter differences about what the government should do and how it should do it. But 50 years ago the issue was democracy itself. The difference is a big one.



Poverty and Revolution in Latin America: Some Misunderstandings SAN JOSE Costa Rica — Two of the most popular and pervasive myths concerning Latin American politics are that revolutions are By Luis Burstin

FROM OUR FEB. 17 PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1909: Austro-Turkish Accord Secure VIENNA - The interview with Hilmy Pasha. published by the "Neue Freie Presse," stating that not only will the Austro-Turkish Agreement be carried out, but that it will be pushed forward with rapidity, and the boycott stopped at the earliest possible moment, has served to make the new Grand Vizier, who is already known to be a friend to Austria-Hungary, a popular personage in Vienna. Baron von Aehrenthal maintains his view that an agreement with Turkey must precede any negotiations with Servia, and although General Zivkovich, Minister of War, is said to be remaining in power, the situation as far as Servia

1934: Mrs. Roosevelt to Tour Island WASHINGTON - Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is planning a trip to Puerto Rico in March. I have long been interested in the relief and labor troubles of the island, and am very desirous of seeing things with my own eyes,"
Mrs. Roosevelt said. "I hope to go sometime in
March, and of course, if I go, I shall fly." President Roosevelt announced that he hoped to make a trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, as well as the Panama Canal and Hawaii, in the late spring or early summer, but his travels will be on a battleship, where naval etiquette does not welcome women, Mrs. Roosevelt will have returned to tell the President

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ther social injustice nor poverty has been the fundamental cause of revolution. When there has been political violence, and there has been a lot, it involves movements trying to break the iron ring of dictatorial power —

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that block access to power. If the direct cause of the violence in Latin America were social injustice. El Salvador and Guatemala would hardly be the only countries where guerrillas threaten the governments: We can all think of several other Latin American nations with masses of poor people - countries that according to the myth, should be excellent candidates for wars of hunger. In fact, however, some of the most vio-lent and fervent revolutions in Laun were traditionally considered among the richest in the area — Cuba and Argentina, for example. In those Latin American countries

where a more or less cyclical mechanism permits the exercise of power to a lew years ago, poverty and social injustice in Central America were pass regularly from one ruling group to another, the possibilities of revolution diminish markedly — despite persisting poverty and social injus-

tice. In contrast, revolutions most commonly occur in countries where political access is closed to newly emerging social classes and other pressure groups: That is the real problem in Guatemala, El Salvador and Chile - a relatively rich country. The second, and related myth -

Banking on Art Nouveau

27) by R.W. Apple Jr.:

Regarding the Weekend feature "A lassic of Art Nouveau" (IHT, Jan.

The article states: "It seemed

that the place would be demolished,

like two of Horta's other Brussels

buildings, his 1902 Aubecq house and

his Maison du Peuple, built in 1899 as headquarters for the Belgian Workers

Party, or at best mangled, like the celebrated Wolfers jewelry

shops, whose 1905 furnishings were

ripped out to make way for a bank's

that the problems can be averted by an infusion of foreign aid - is not only wrong it is expensive and wasteful. In the last 10 years, Latin America received more foreign credits than Europe obtained under the Marshall Plan. In Europe, American magna-nimity and European political wisdom combined to produce reconstruction and the consolidation of

Democracy is fragile or nonexistent.
The differences between Latin America and Europe are obvious. Europe needed reconstruction. In

democracy. Here, in Latin America,

larger amounts of money have pro-

duced only economic crises, bank-

ruptcy and problems of liquidity.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR that all things of value have been mangled. Naturally, a bank is not a shop. However, Wolfers' stylish fur-nishings were not demolished. At the bank's expense, they were carefully removed and transferred to the Kon-

inklijk Museum voor Kunst en Geschiedenis (Royal Art and History Museum) in Brussels. Neither is it correct that the shop windows had to make way for com-puters. Many valuable things have seen retained and incorporated in their new surroundings. What used to be the shop has been converted into a It is completely wrong to assert activities take place. The staircase re-

mains intact and now leads to the mezzanine and the Horta Room. P. VANDERSTRAETEN and A. VERBOVEN

ground up. In Europe, there was a

tradition of learning discipline, sci-ence and technology. There is noth-ing of that sort in Latin America —

and there is a long tradition of cor-reption. But that is only the begin-

ning of the problem.

In Latin America, a large part of what gets in through the front door

goes out through the back. The flight of capital drained more than half of

the foreign credits obtained by Mexi-

co and Venezuela in the last three years, and one-third of those ob-

tained by Argentina. In the same period, about \$15 billion was invested

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in real estate or deposited in foreign banks by Central Americans. This is nearly twice the sum that the Kissin-Central America, we still have to construct our economies from the ger commission proposed for the re-gion — \$8 billion in five years,

In fact, no one on the commission thought that this money would fuel new economic development. They hoped merely that it would help Central America avoid total collapse. We may call this "fireman's money." But without political and social reform, this money will not put out any fires in Central America.

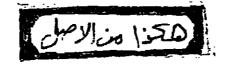
The problem is that none of the countries of the region have the means to distribute this money. Even in Costa Rica, we are having trouble in Costa Kica, we are naving trouble getting social benefits to the people who need them. Thus, for example, about 90 percent of all our social welfare programs, including the national health service, is eaten up by our enormous bureaucracy. In the rest of Central America, there are simply no mechanisms to redistribute the national income among the majority of the people. And as a result, most of our wealth is left in the hands of a very small part of the population.

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Assistance programs are clearly not the key. Political reform is urgent and indispensable. Without it, nothing will help.

The writer, Costa Rica's secretary of information from 1974 to 1978, was a newspaper editor and television com-mentator. He contributed this article to The New York Times.



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Wind in W. S. to Help Finance Airport Cronada. Sources Report

By Walter Pincus

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration now supports completion of the international airport on Grenada and will help pay a substantial part of the \$24 million needed to open it by October, government sources say.

The administration cited the airport as one justification for the invasion of Grenada in October, saying it was too big to be intended for purely commercial use and had the potential of serving as a military base for the Soviet Union and Cuba, patrons of the Marxist government that then roled the nation.

Immediately after the invasion, administration officials said the United States had decided not to help complete the half-built airport, which they called too large and costly for the Caribbean island's immediate tourist needs.

But in a subsequent Agency for International Development feasibility study completed Jan. 30, "expedited completion" of the airport by October 1984 is "strongly rec-

The study says completion is "important to the economy of Grenada" and "a matter of national

Like the Carter administration before it, the Reagan administra- State George P. Shultz.

MADRID - President Fidel

Castro of Cuba set foot in Western

Europe on Thursday for the first

time, making a four-hour visit to

Spain on his way home from Presi-

ter for a working lunch at Mr. González's residence. Tensions in Cen-

tral America and East-West

relations were among the topics discussed, officials said.

Spain, which has maintained re lations with Havana throughout

Mr. Castro's 25-year rule since the

Cuban revolution, had been trying since 1978 to arrange a visit.

The visit was frequently postponed because of Western misgiv-

ngs, but Spanish officials said the ible easing of East-West tensions

at Mr. Andropov's funeral provided the right opportunity for Spain

to set a precedent.

Officially, Mr. Castro's visit was described as a technical stopover,

and the Foreign Ministry said Spain's invitation for an official

Attempts by Spain to persuade France, Sweden and Austria to join

Barajas Airport by Spain's Socialist action prime minister. Felipe González The Cuban leader, who is a friend of Mr. González, was accompanied by Daniel Ortega Saavedra, the leader of Nicaragua's junta. After a ceremony at the airport, the three men traveled by helicop-

tion had said the Grenada airport's runway was 10,000 feet (about 3,000 meters) long, sufficient to accommodate Russian or Cuban military aircraft.

runway was only 9,000 feet long and that the entire facility was needed to make the island accessible to commercial jets carrying tourists. An AID study confirms the runway length of 9,000 feet and adds "it is not overdesigned; it is required to accommodate daynight-instrument operation for

wide-bodied jets." On Wednesday, the chairman of Grenada's interim government, Nicholas Braithwaite, said an AID study had recommended completion of the airport facilities.

Mr. Braithwaite, according to The Associated Press, added that an announcement of U.S. financial support for the project would be made later this week. AID officials Wednesday re-

fused to comment on the matter, although one said "a statement is In a related matter, the Reagan

administration has questioned the need for and cost of an 1,800-member standing regional defense force

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Dominica. Along with Jamaica they are supplying police and military Grenada's government said the forces for peacekeeping duties on Grenada.

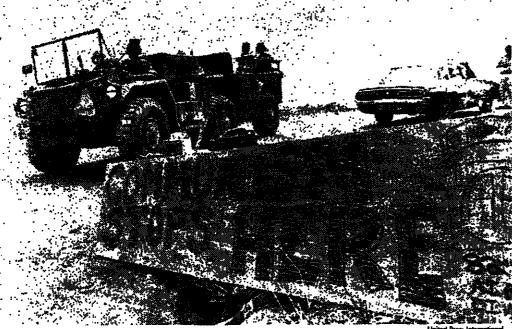
> Led by Barbados, some of these countries have been seeking to create, with U.S. assistance, a regional standing army rather than the military forces that each island now

Deputy Prime Minister Lester Bird of Antigua and Barbuda said Feb. 8, according to a Barbados newspaper, that the cost of establishing a regional unit and running it would be "approximately in the region of \$100 million."

Prime Minister John Compton of St. Lucia said a few days earlier that the force "would be set up next year." would operate under one command and would be sent to any island "which showed signs of invasion from internal subversion or outside intruders."

A Pentagon spokesman said Wednesday that the Caribbean countries had been told they had to "refine" the estimated "astronomical cost" of the proposal.

He added that there was "not total agreement among the counthat prime ministers of the East tries on the need for it." Domini-Caribbean Security System dis-cussed last week with Secretary of Charles, said this week that she was opposed to the standing force.



A handmade sign marked a guardpost along the main runway of the unfinished international airport in Grenada shortly after U.S.-led forces invaded the island last October.

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make a state visit to Havana, tele- as a major breakthrough. It put an

phoned Mr. Castro from his palace end to what one described as a

Americans in Nicaragua: Changing Minds in the Harvest

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - David Case took two weeks off from his job as a New York City cab driver and volunteered to help harvest rice in Nicaragua so he could judge for himself what daily life is like under the Sandinist govern-

"I was deeply moved by the commitment of the Nicaraguan people," said Mr. Case, 38, after he returned from his trio in January. "I learned very quickly that the Nicaraguans love their North American neighbors, but they despise the American government."

Mr. Case's comments are typical of those of about 650 Americans who have taken part in a three-month harvest program sponsored by the National Network in Solidarity with the Nicaraguan People, a Washington-based group whose goal is to build opposition to the Reagan administration's policy toward Nicaragua. The United States supports two main rebel groups that seek the overthrow of the Sandinist government.

Diane Passmore, the group's national coordinator, said, "We find people are often surprised. When they have a chance to see the country for themselves there is really a turnaround in attitudes.

Miss Passmore said the surge in interest in Nicaragua is a result of increasing U.S. military and economic commitment in Central America. The National Bipartisan Commission on Central America, headed by Henry A. Kissinger, recommended in January that the United States

develop an \$8-billion, five-year economic aid plan for the

The National Network, formed in 1979 to help build American support for the overthrow of Anastasio Somoza, the Nicaraguan dictator who was assassinated in September 1980, now communicates with about 60 organizations nationwide, many of them religious or civic groups, and coordinates their lobbying efforts. The group's budget last year was about \$80,000, mainly donations from foundations and individuals, officials said.

The group began organizing the work brigades last year response to a request from the Nicaraguan Committee for Solidarity, which is based in Managua. Volunteers have worked on state-owned farms, as well as on construction projects.

"It's true that the 650 people we're sending are contributing in economic areas by working on the harvest," Miss Passmore said. "At the same time, the major goal is to have them return and tell others about the country and their experiences.

Participants said that they had been encouraged to talk to anyone they chose and that interpreters were provided. Kenneth Ray, 29, a stockbroker from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, said he had had no fixed opinions about Nicaragua before he went to work in January on a construction project in southern Nicaragua. Mr. Ray, a Republican said his experience had convinced him that the United States was "trying to retain its influence in the region at the expense of the Nicaraguan people."

"And that's not consistent with my concepts of freedom

and democracy," he said. Participants must be over 18 and must pay for transportation to and from Miami and round-trip air fare on Aeronica, the Nicaraguan state airline, from there to

Managua, which is about \$280. There is also a \$50 regis-Food and lodging are provided by the Nicaraguan government, but participants must bring with them a minimum of \$60. An ability to speak Spanish is recom-

mended but not required. In Managna, the volunteers are given an orientation session that includes discussions with labor and professional organizations and religious and government lead-

Participants are then taken to the farms where they are expected to work six- to eight-hour days. They are given meals of rice, beans and tortillas. Some of the jobs have included picking coffee beans and cotton, loading rice onto barges, working in the kitchens, building a bomb

shelter and picking and threshing rice. Participants have included lawyers, professors, stu-dents, a farmer from Minnesota and a Vietnam veteran who works as a community organizer. They came from almost all areas of the country.

"What that says to us," said Debbie Reuben, coordinator of the brigades, "is the opposition to the Reagan administration policy is more widespread than we expect-

Jackson Considers Visit To Sandinist Festivities

By George Lardner Jr.

Washington Post Service NEW LONDON, New Hamp-- The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson says he is seriously considering going to Nicaragua next week for celebrations commemorating General Augusto Cesar Sandino, the nameake of the revolutionary regime in

Mr. Jackson, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said Wednesday at Colby-Sawver College that no decision has been made but that he thought American presence at that celebra-

He said that his representatives were attempting to negotiate details of the possible visit with the Nicaraguan Embassy in Washing-

uled celebrations Monday and away from a reign of terror." Tuesday in honor of the 50th anni-

Nicaraguans have reportedly invited all eight Democratic presi-dential candidates as well as a State Department representative.

Mr. Jackson, who is campaigning in New Hampshire for the state primary election Feb. 28, indicated that he would want a number of assurances before making a deci-

He also indicated that he would want to be able to meet with religious and opposition leaders, to speak to the Council of State, an advisory body created by the Sandinist leaders, and to talk with it "important that there be an representatives of the Contadora group. The Contadora nations -Mexico, Colombia, Panama and Venezuela — have been working collectively to reduce tensions and violence in Central America.

Mr. Jackson said that the regime in Nicaragua was "not a perfect The Sandinist regime has sched-government," but that it is "moving

Meanwhile, Senator Alan Cranversary of General Sandino's ston of California, another Demodeath. General Sandino led the cratic presidential candidate, on guerrilla opposition to the inter-vention of U.S. Marines in Nicara-jobs program to be financed by cutting the defense budget.

Candidate d'Aubuisson Lambastes U.S. Policy



Jesse L. Jackson

Speaking in Manchester, New Hampshire, Mr. Cranston said his program was designed to "stop the job slide in America's basic industries" and would set the stage for a Harold R. Tyler Jr., concludes that more comprehensive plan for full employment and high productivity.

The plan calls for the creation of special industrial assistance corporations to revive ailing industries; more loans and loan guarantees for small businesses; and job training and retraining programs for the unemployed.

Report Says El Salvador **Concealed Nuns' Killers**

By Raymond Bonner

NEW YORK - A report prepared for the State Department oncludes that there was a cover-up by Salvadoran authorities of the killings of four American churchwomen in December 1980 and that it was "quite possible" that the current Salvadoran minister of defense was aware of it.

New York Times Service

The minister of defense, General Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova, was a colonel and commander of the National Guard at the time the women were murdered. Five soldiers who were in the National Guard at the time have been charged with the murders.

The investigation, which was headed by a former U.S. judge, the cover-up began within a day or two of the killings.

doran authorities to the murder was, tragically, to conceal the perpetrators from justice." the report

"The first reaction of the Salva-

Sisters Ita Ford, Maura Clarke

and Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Don-ovan, a Roman Catholic lay missionary, were abducted while on their way from El Salvador's international airport to San Salvador on

Dec. 2, 1980, and killed that night. The report, which was submitted to the State Department on Dec. 2. 1983, has been classified as secret. The department has said that making the report public might jeopardize the trial of the accused men. Mr. Tyler's report says that one

of the soldiers awaiting trial, Corporal Luis A. Colindres Aleman, ordered the killings and "confessed his involvement to high-ranking members of the National Guard within days of the murder." "They responded," the report says, "by concealing this fact from

the outside world, and ordering the transfer of the killers from their airport posts and the switching of their weapons to make detection more difficult." The authors of the report say "we believe as well that is is quite

possible that Colonel Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova was aware of, and for a time acquiesced in, the When the U.S. investigators in-

terviewed the general, "we found him evasive," the report says. General Vides Casanova attempted to distance himself as complete-Mr. d'Aubuisson, 41, is a former San Salvador, party activists tried ly as possible from all investigations of the crime."

army major who has been accused to build enthusiasm among the on-Efforts to reach General Vides Casanova were unsuccessful.

According to William Ford, brother of one of the victims, the State Department offered to let one member of each family see the report, but only if they signed a statement that they would not discuss its contents with anyone, including any family member.

Who Voted Le Castro Meets With González in Spain

SAN MARCOS, El Salvador --The rightist candidate for the presidency. Roberto d'Aubuisson, is running a fiery campaign based on strident anti-Americanism and the against the project, according to confirmed that Mr. Castro had denunciation of his main opponent never before visited Western Euas a Communist. King Juan Carlos I, who hopes to rope, said they regarded the event

Mr. d'Aubuisson's commercials fill the airwayes, and he crosses the country continually to deliver speeches with an oratorical style that lambastes U.S. policy and ridididate, José Napoleón Duarte, as ly-

"crazy," "corrupt" and "the beast." The March 25 elections are considered crucial for the future of El Salvador and for the U.S. role in the country. Mr. d'Aubuisson is promising a military victory over leftist rebels, with or without U.S.

Mr. Duarte and the other main candidate, Francisco José Guerrero, of the rightist National Conciliation Party, speak instead of moderation, reform and giving leftists a chance to compete for power legal-

of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero. Mr. d'Aubuisson dismisses the charges as the chirpings of "a cockroach."

For two hours before Mr. d'Au- to turn El Salvador over to Com-

by a former U.S. ambassador to El lookers, most of them women and Salvador, Robert E. White, of heading one of the most active of But it was only the arrival of Mr. d'Aubuisson that excited the

the country's death squads and of ordering the assassination in 1980 His speech started calmly but he

built rapidly to his main theme, the alleged conspiracy of former President Jimmy Carter and Mr. Duarte

"It's preposterous for me to read buisson's arrival recently in San munists, as he claims Mr. Carter that report and not be able to dis-

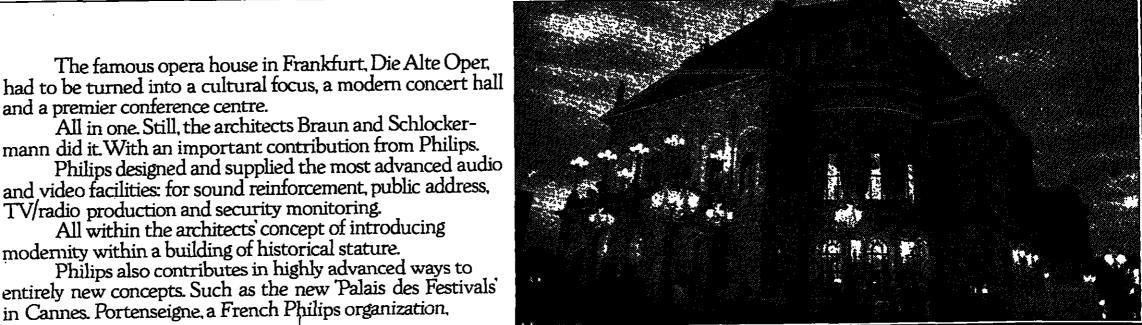
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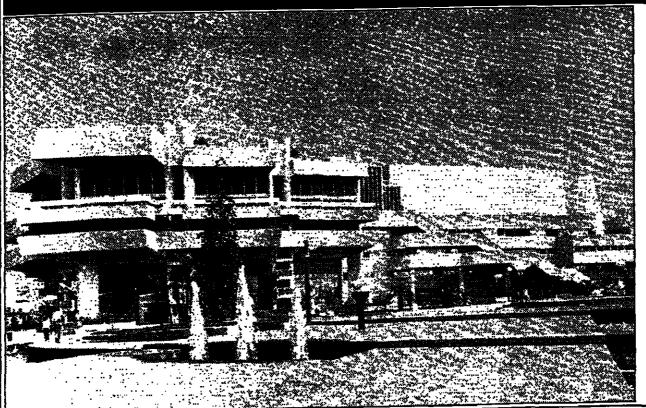
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United Press International MADRID -- Four bombs exploded in Madrid, Barcelona and Seville early Thursday, police said. They said that the blasts did not appear to be connected and that no group had claimed responsibility. An unidentified injured man was reported hospitalized in Barcelona in serious condition.



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Johnson Ends Europe's Hold on Downhill; Figini Is Women's Titlist

Gold Medal Is First on Slopes for a U.S. Man

SARAJEVO — Bill Johnson ended European domination of the men's downhill Thursday by becoming the first American man ever to win an Olympic gold medal in an Alpine skiing event.

"Finally the string is broken," said the brash, confident Johnson. referring to the nine previous Olympic downhills, Ali were won by European skiers, most of them

"We can win a lot more," Johnson said. "I was glad to stick it to the Austrians. They think they should win every time." Later, he said he meant just one Austrian, the coach. Karl Kahr, who he said had not yet congratulated him. "This is both America's medal

and mine," Johnson said, echoing the words of Debbie Armstrong, who yelled to the crowd after her giant slalom victory Monday: Now America has it

Asked what the gold medal meant to him, Johnson replied with a laugh: "Millions."

Johnson, 23, has virtually conquered downhill skiing in just over a month. On Jan. 15 in Wengen, Switzerland, he stunned Europe's best by becoming the first American ever to win a World Cup downhill race. Now he is also the first American ever to win an Olympic downhili gold.

The gold medals of Johnson and The gold medals of Johnson and Armstrong in Alpine events gave the United States its best showing in 1:46.53, and Steve Podborski in the Alpine events since it won two golds in 1952.

Johnson was timed in 1 minute. 45.59 seconds, hurtling down Mount Bjelasnica at an average speed of 63 mph (about 100 kilometers an hour). Switzerland's Peter Müller claimed the silver medal in 1:45.86, and Austria's Anton Steiner took the bronze in 1:45.95. Franz Klammer of Austria, the 1976 Olympic downhill champion. took too much air on his run and finished 10th in 1:47.04.

From the start of downhill training 12 days ago, Johnson insisted the course was made for him. It contains few difficult turns and several long, flat sections, perfect for "gliders" — skiers who make good time on the flats. And Johnson, one of the best gliders in the world, predicted he would win after dominating training runs.

"I put a lot of pressure on myself" with the prediction, Johnson said Thursday as his victory became apparent. "If I had gotten second. I'd be a real bum. I would have gone into manic-depression.

"But this is my course. I can go straight faster than anybody. I don't want to say I'm the best in the ski team two years because he was

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world, but I won the Olympics and out of shape. Long-haired and re-I deserve the gold medal. "I was nervous 20 minutes before the race, but I started to cool down. In the starting gate, I just

said. 'Relax, relax, you've got it.' I feel fantastic." Johnson had only the fourth fastest intermediate time twothirds of the way down the course. which is 3.066 meters (about 3.350 yards) long with a vertical drop of

He was 44-hundredths of a second slower than Steiner at the second intermediate, but he made up time on the final section by staying low in his tuck.

"I'm a third of a second faster on the bottom of the hill than anyone else," said Johnson. "I came off the steep part and started motoring. "I have no regrets," said Müller,

who suffered neck and shoulder injuries on this course a year ago. It was my best race of the year by far. Johnson was a better skier today. The course was good for him. Steiner said he skied well through the difficult "S" section halfway down. "I felt it going well, but I just couldn't slide fast enough

on the lower portion." Switzerland's Pirmin Zürbrig-gen, the World Cup overall standings leader, was fourth in 1:46.05. Urs Räber of Switzerland and Helmut Höflehner of Austria tied for

was the top Canadian, taking eighth in 1:46.59. Jamil el Reedy, representing Egypt in Thursday's race, was lucky to finish at all after he took a nasty spill at the top of the course, lost a ski, recovered, discarded goggles when they logged up and con-

tinued virtually blind. "I could barely make out the red flags" marking the gates, said the high school senior in Plattsburgh, New York, who has not lived in Egypt since he was six months old. "I couldn't pick up any of the bumps on the slope." He was last among the 60 skiers who finished the race, with a time of 3 minutes, 13.86 seconds - more than a minute behind his nearest rival.

The race was originally scheduled for last Thursday, but poor weather forced a postponement to Friday, then to Sunday and finally to Thursday, when it was finally run under mostly sunny skies. Johnson said the postponements

worked in his favor, "Doing so well in training helped build up my con-fidence," he said. "I had an advanhe said. "I had an advantage with all the delays."

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Johnson was kicked off the U.S.

Olympic champion. "He has the qualities the great competitors have — he's confident and cocky," the U.S. Alpine direc-tor, Bill Marolt, said of Johnson.

Last season Johnson won three of the four downhills on the Europa Cup circuit - a sort of minorleague proving ground for young

kicked off the team," Johnson said. But he insists he's no overnight "I've concentrated on success. downhill for four years," he said. "I've put in a lot of work. Persis-tence and determination will conquer all. It takes a lot of guts to throw yourself down a mountain.

Not many can do that." Johnson started skiing when he was 7 and spent much of his youth on Mount Hood, in Oregon, before his narents moved to Los Angeles. His hometown is Van Nuys, California, but Johnson spends most of his time in the East.

He has come a long way for a skier who was at the 1980 Olympics down the slope to check on course conditions before the real talent hits the snow.

Where does he go from here? "This year, my goals were to get in the top three in a couple of World Cup races and finish in the top three in the Olympics," he said. There's always room for improvement. This is just the beginning of

He also had this to say Thurs-

How he supports himself: "Con-How he describes the aerody-

"Best in the world." On his ride down Mount Bielasnica: "There's a speed limit in the States. I believe I broke it today."



Bill Johnson 'Finally the string is broken.'

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"The commission condemns the practice," the prince said. "It can cause cardiovascular damage, and our tests show the practical results in relation to improving performances are not very high. It is not on our doping list, but it would be if we found a way to detect it."

The 50-year-old Belgian prince is convinced there will be no medals Blood doping, or blood packing, going to any athlete using banned is a technique in which blood is substances.

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"The fearful specter of the artifiabout some years ago, is no more, he added. "We are making progress all the time in detecting the use of banned substances.

He pointed out that more than 500 athletes had been tested - all medal winners in addition to random checks -- and none of the tests had been positive. There have been clean bills of health at every Summer and Winter Olympics since Figini said. "The gold medal was two proven cases of doping at the my only aim, and I was completely 1976 Winter Olympics in Inns-

Ticino region of Switzerland. and became the youngest Olympic Walliser, currently heading the gold medalist ever in an Alpine World Cup downhill standings and

gold medal.

"I have never been so happy in all my life," she said later, wiping away tears. "I took a lot of risks, "But it's Michela's triumph tobut everything went without trouday," Walliser said. Charvatova said she felt "over-Figini's teammate Maria Walliser, the favorite before the race, won the silver medal, while Olga

slovak woman skier to win an Olympic medal. The one-two performance by Figini and Walliser matched the U.S. showing in the giant slalom Mon-

Charvatova of Czechoslovakia won

the bronze. She is the first Czecho-

skiing event.

day by Debbie Armstrong and Christin Cooper. It was almost a sweep for the Swiss women Thursday, as Ariane Ehrat held third position with only Charvatova and 10 outsiders left to come down the 1,965-meter (6,450-

But the 21-year-old Czechoslovak, who has yet to win a major race, skied as never before. She posted the fastest intermediate time but then strayed into some fresh snow on the lower section, which slowed her down.

Figini is a natural talent with an urge to win — she regularly beat the boys in junior races at age 14 and put on a flawless performance Thursday. Her winning time was one minute, 13.36 seconds.

That represented an average speed of 96.4 kilometers an hour (60 mph) for the Mount Jahorina track, rated one of the least demanding on the world ski circuit.

Walliser was just .05 seconds back in second place --- less than the length of a ski - while Charvatova was .17 seconds behind Figini. Thursday's race was held amid

sunshine after having been postponed three times because of snowstorms and fog. The course was in perfect condition, hard and dusted with fresh powder. Figini said she was not nervous

despite the confusion a day earlier, when the downhill was halted after 10 skiers had made their runs. Figini had the fastest time, but it was decided to run the race again Thursday because technicians had failed to mark the track properly amid poor visibility.

"That didn't worry me at all."

SARAJEVO — Michela Figini, a said in her native Italian. She 17-year-old from Switzerland, won the women's downhill Thursday. Walliser, currently heading the

winner of the pre-Olympic race at Sarajevo last year, said she was disappointed about missing the

whelmed with happiness," especially because her bronze "is the first medal for Czechoslovakia ever

Ehrat finished fourth, while another Czechoslovak racer, Jana Gantnerova, was fifth.

was sixth. Gerry Sorensen of Cana-da seventh and three Austrians eighth, ninth and 10th — Lea Sölkner. Elisabeth Kirchler and

Veronika Wallinger.

Irene Epple of West Germany.

currently second in the World Cup

downhill standings was far off form placing 23d in the field of 32.

The women's Alpine events conclude Friday with the slalom. Top favorite is Erika Hess of Switzer-land with the main competition coming from American Tamara McKinney, Austrian Roswitha Steiner, Italian Maria Quario, Doroia Tlalka of Poland and U.S. gian: slalom silver medalist Christin



Michela Figini heading for a gold medal Thursday.

China's Olympians: Counting Backward

By Jane Leavy

SARAJEVO - Her name is Jin Xuefei, the golden snowfly. She is 20 years old and the No. 2 woman skier in the People's Republic of China.

This is her first Olympics. On Monday, she finished 42d in the giant lalom. She was not terribly disappointed. She had skied on the same hill with her idol, Tamara McKinney of the United States, who finished fourth while Debbie Armstrong, another Ameri-

can, won the gold medal. "McKinney is so good," Jin said through an interpreter. "Her movement is very clean. It is like she is flying."

In 1982, Jin attended a World Cup race in Austria, where she met McKinney. They couldn't converse because of the language barri-er, but they had their picture taken together. It hangs in Jin's home in the northernmost province of China.

She started skiing when she was 12. Was she good right away? "My mother says I was," she said, smiling. "My mother is not very good, but she likes the sport very much. That's why she named me golden snowfly."

Like the other 36 athletes on the Chinese

Olympic team, Jin, a member of the army, came to Sarajevo to learn, to watch, to experience. She id not come expecting to win medals.

result of the Olympics will inspire the Chinese athlete, first you should be well-disciplined. Wang Guizhen, the No. 1-ranked skier on the athletes to work harder," said Liu. "We Liu said. "Then he can be a good athlete." did not come expecting to win medals.

"Fourth or fifth from last," she said, smiling. "We count backward." The Chinese delegation came to the Olympics

with 12 speed skaters, six figure skaters, nine cross-country skiers, five biathletes, five Alpine skiers and a sense of humor and proportion about their prospects. Last week, before the United States won its

first medal, an American reporter was commiserating with Zhang Tingquan, sports editor for the news agency Xinhua. "Anyway, you can win some medals; the Chinese can't," Zhang said, smiling

wang was one of 28 athletes who went to
Lake Placid four years ago when the Chinese
came to their first Winter Olympics, two months
after the International Olympic Committee reinstated China.

An Austrian skring coach spent a month in
China working with the team. "He gave lectures
and also corrected some mistakes of moveinstated China.

"We're not so familiar with even the rules and regulations of the competition," said Liu Xing,

late." slalom was 56th; the top finisher in the 500-

team, ran a gate during the giant slalom and was shouldn't be dejected and upset about our low disqualified. She cried, but not a long time. level." Lin added, "The most important thing The Chinese are trying to improve. Though the climate limits the talent pool and the facilities for winter sports to five northern provinces. they have become more important there. Jin-

began skiing eight years ago on wooden skis. A year ago, Liu said, there was only one skiing area and one ice skating rink; now there are three of each.

They also have an agreement with the Austri-

West Germany.

"The gravity of her body was a bit back-

ward," the interpreter explained.

The Chinese have excelled at one thing in deputy chief of mission. The winter sports in China are like the history of Jin. We started very er in the opening ceremonies. They were the only athletes in sync. They practiced marching The top Chinese finisher in the men's giant at the national winter games last February.

After watching the Chinese march, "we were meter speed skating race was 30th. "I think the told by a member of the IOC that to be a good

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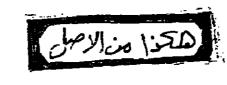
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SPORTS

Hamilton W uns I igue For U.S.; Canada's Orser Is 2d Amen for two-footing a double of ing compulsories, but she was ing compulsories.

dressed in the colors of the American flag, won the first men's figure skating gold medal for the United States in 24 years Thursday night at the Winter Olympics.

Brian Orser of Canada won the silver medal and Czechoslovakia's Jozef Sabovichik took the bronze. The last American man to win a old medal in figure skating was

David Jenkins in 1960. After receiving his medal, Hamilton skated around the Zetra Arena rink, carrying the American flag well. I go into the finals feeling

In winning the gold, Hamilton, a not skate his best. In fact, he was outskated in both the short and the freestyle programs by Orser, the Canadian champion.

Hamilton usually completes five triple jumps in his final program, but he popped out of a triple flip, and that caused him point deduc-tions for technical merit. Instead of

three revolutions, he only did one. Had he not led by such a large margin after the compulsory fig-ures, he might have lost the medal. Orser, on the other hand, skated

a far more technically difficult program and landed a triple axel jump, something very few competitors at-Hamilton, a 25-year-old Denver resident, is only 5-foot-3. His acro-

batic skating contrasts sharply with the balletic moves and gestures of the last two Olympic champions, John Curry and Robin Cousins of Asked what Hamilton had given

the sport of figure skating in the last four years, his coach, Donald Law, said: "He's given it the image of male figure skating as an Olympic sport. I think he's amplified on that in the last couple of years with his general demeanor, his rapport with the press and his gymnastic approach to figure skating."
Earlier Thursday, Katarina

Witt's smashing short program to gypsy music gave her the lead in women's figure skating and knocked Rosalynn Sumners into second place.

Sumners is the U.S. and world champion. But she was outskated by the East German and finished fifth in the short program.

ter compulsories, was marked Games must be round and follow a

axel, one of the jumps required in ing compulsories, but she was radithe two-minute program. Witt was ant Thursday. As soon as her gypsy

third after compulsories. The medals finale is scheduled

for Saturday night. Dressed in a sparkling silver peasant costume with matching headpiece, Witt displayed unmatched presence and charm on

"I'm surprised that I came up to first place," the 18-year-old Euro-pean champion said. "I felt confident or I wouldn't have skated so

Summers, 19, has not finished three-time world champion, did lower than Witt since the 1982 world championships, when the East German was second and Sumners was sixth. "Now I have to

skate my heart out," she said. Another highly regarded American, Elaine Zayak, 18, completed all seven required elements of the short — jumps, spins and footwork — and finished sixth, moving up in the overall standings to 11th after her 13th-place finish in Wednesday's compulsories. Zayak is a former U.S. and world champion.

started clapping.
Smiling throughout, she opened with a huge double axel, went into a triple toe loop-double loop combi-

fiddling music began, the crowd

nation jump, completed a double lip and ended with very expressive She earned a majority of 5.8s for technical merit and four near-per-

fect 5.9s for presentation. Because of the mistake on the double-axel landing, Sumners re-ceived 5.3s and 5.4s for technical

She did better on the presentation, including four 5.8s. "I was focusing on the combina-tion jump, and when I did it I got a

little happy going into the double axel," she said. "I knew it was too slow and that it was tipping, and when I landed I two-footed it But she said being second to Witt did not bother her and that the gold

This is where I like to be" after the short program, she said. "The



Rosalynn Sumners landing clumsily after a double axel.

Canada's Boucher Skates to 2d Gold With Easy Victory at 1,500 Meters

SARAJEVO — Gaetan Boucher excellent draw Thursday. became the fourth double gold medalist of the XIV Winter Olympics and the first ever from Canada by winning the men's 1,500-meter speed skating race here Thursday. Boucher was timed in one min-

ute, 58.36 seconds, to easily beat two Soviet skaters, Sergei Khlebnikov and Oleg Bogiev.

Khlebnikov took the silver med-al in 1:58.83. Bogiev won the bronze with a time of 1:58.89. Boucher was runner-up three

times in the World Sprint Speed Skating Championships and an Olympic silver medalist in the I.000 meters four years ago behind Eric Heiden of the United States. At the Sarajevo Games, however, the Canadian has shown that he can shine in the spotlight.

"It was a lot easier than in 1980," Boucher said. "Then it was all maybe — maybe Heiden has a bad day, maybe he makes a mistake and falls, maybe someone else will win. "It's all different now because he

to win.' Boucher, winner of Tuesday's

500 last week, capitalized on an

Skating in the eighth pair, the Quebecer took advantage of knowing the intermediate times of the other racers. He had the fastest splits right through the race, held in snowy and difficult ice conditions at the Zetra oval.

Khlebnikov skated in the second pair, Bogiev in the fifth.

The draw helped me a little bit," Boucher said. "I knew that the best time was 1:58.8 and we went for :57.5. I thought I could do that.
That would allow me to win the gold by an inch. "If I had died in the last lap I still

would have had the edge. That's what happened. I slowed down more than I thought I would, but I still won it. But everybody slowed down in the last lap, partly because of the ice conditions."

Boucher said he had trained on ice fast and slow before the Olym-

"We went to Lake Placid and we had hard and soft ice, we had snow and wind," he said. "I'm glad we is not here. Everybody has a chance had that opportunity." Boucher said once the 500 and

the 1,000 were over, he knew he was skating well enough to win the 1.500 as well.

"It was just a matter of going all

out and skating the same way as I did in the 1,000," he said. His next goal is the World Sprints, scheduled later this winter at Trondheim, Norway.

"They are very important to me. also," he said. "I've finished second three times, and this time it's the year to do it."

With the final speed skating event, the men's 10,000-meter race, coming up Saturday, Heiden has not lost any of the five Olympic

records he set at Lake Placid. "But the 10,000 could be the easiest one to break," said Heiden, who is here as a television commentator. "I think Tomas Gustafson

[of Sweden] will win that one." The Americans will almost cer-

tainly go home without a speed skating medal for the first time since 1956. They are rated only as also-rans in the 10,000-meter race. The highest American finisher Thursday was Nick Thometz, who

Putting a Value on Olympic Gold

was still attainable.

SARAJEVO — Olympic athletes may strive for years to win the varies every four years. coveted prizes, but the value of the gold, silver and bronze medals that in Belgrade at the national mint finally hang around their necks is more symbolic than real.

Organizers of the Sarajevo Wingold medal at 34,000 dinars, or \$278.

Much of that value is in the workmanship, because the 0.21 ounces of 99.99 percent pure gold and the 4.3 ounces of silver that go into a "gold" medal would fetch about \$120 dollars at current mar-

Sarajevo Organizing Committee, said the silver medals, made of 99.99 percent pure silver, are worth about 17,000 dinars. The bronze medals, made of a copper-based alloy called Tombac 90, are valued at just 750 dinars.

The Olympic Charter says that The American, who was first af- medals awarded at the Summer

certain design, but the shape and design for Winter Olympics medals The Sarajevo medals were made

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ter Olympics estimate the price of a and locked in a Sarajevo bank vault until the Games. And the organizers are prepared

to avoid embarrassment in case of ties. Fifteen sets of reserve medals were minted, Lukac said.

All is sweetness and light — and dry - with the Finnish Olympic team, according to the team's chief press spokeswoman, Elina Heinola. There's been much to celebrate.

with Finland's 10 medals at the Games. But as for how the Finnish team has been celebrating those medal victories. Heinola gave this account of a typical fete:

"We gather at Mojmilo [the athletes' village). We talk a lot, eat pastries and drink mineral water." Only water? "It's too early for

champagne. But that will come. We know how to rejoice together and how to share our sorrows too.

However, hockey players appear to have a different idea of celebrating. So much so that the International Olympic Committee medical Commission has had to invoke a two-beer limit on hockey players, who have been enjoying an unlimit-ed free supply of drinks at Winter Olympic doping control stations.

With an alcohol ban at the Olympic athletes' village, the players have made the testing stations their favorite bar. But now the freewheeling has stopped.

"After two beers, they will have to pay for it themselves." said Prince Alexandre de Merode, the president of the International Olympic Committee medical commission. "But they can have as many free fruit juices and as much water as they want," he added.

Two players from each team are chosen at random to take tests fol-

Sweden Outlasts Soviet Challenge in Ski Relay

United Press International The Soviet team, 10.2 seconds be-SARAJEVO — Sweden's Gunde hind, won the silver medal. Finland Svan, winner of the Olympic 15- earned the bronze. kilometer race, fell early on the Norway finished final lap Thursday but still had Switzerland was fifth.

Sweden's winning time was one gians were not among the medalthe final lap.

After taking control about two meter cross-country ski relay. hour, 55 minutes and 6.3 seconds. ists.

Norway finished fourth and

Zimiatov of the Soviet Union as the that Sweden had won the gold med-Swedes won the men's 4x10-kilo- al in the men's relay and also the

Russians ahead on the second leg. but Jan Ottosson pulled the Swedes

In the first leg, Thomas Wass- kilometers (1.2 miles) from the end,

"I got by Zimiatov after the uphill going out of the stadium area and had a good lead. I fell at about three kilometers on a downhill, but I was far enough in front that I could get up and stay with Zimia-

Svan added: "We skied together, U.S. hockey team, which were ex- and I knew I could win because he pected to have a big audience in the tried several times to pull away and

the dream of profits turned into a kilometer event won by Zimiatov last Friday. The Swedish coach, Ake Johns

ket prices. Pavle Lukac, spokesman for the

berg, a gold medalist in the 15- Svan inched away from Zimiatov, kilometer event at Lake Placid in 1980 and 50-kilometer world champion in 1982, staked Sweden to the lead. Alexander Zavialov put the

who won the 30-kilometer race last Friday. As they churned toward the finish, Svan hammered away while Zimiatov seemed to realize he could not catch up and did not have the same drive.

"I felt all along that I could win," a gasping but jubilant Svan said at the finish area after being thrown in the air by his jubilant teammates.

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For the Czechs, the U.S. Rates Badly

PRAGUE - Czechoslovakia accused the United States Olympic

hockey team on Thursday of playing dirty in a Winter Olympic game to help television ratings. "The Czechoslovak ice hockey match against the American team in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, will not be forgotten soon, not for the quality

of the game but for the foul play

the official Communist Party daily

brought into it by the Americans,

Rude Pravo said. Czechoslovakia defeated the United States, 4-1, last week in the econd game of the tournament for both teams.

The loss effectively eliminated the United States, the defending Olympic champion, from medal contention. Czechoslovakia has remained undefeated. It beat Canada, 4-1, Wednesday night and will can players' awareness that busi- some penalties "out of frustration." in 1980.

play the Soviet Union on Sunday in ness of the ABC television compathe gold medal winner.

On Friday, the Czecholovaks will play against Sweden. In the other medal round game Friday, the unbesten Soviet Union will meet Canada. Canada and Sweden. both of which enter the medal round with one loss, wrap up their play on Sunday.

The Czechoslovak daily, in an article quoted by the state news agency CTK, said that at first, the U.S. team's strategy "was ex-plained by efforts to defend at any cost the gold medal won from Lake

a game that is expected to decide ny was at stake." Rude Pravo said "a prominent

place in television transmissions from the Olympic Games to the U.S.A. was given to matches of the country.

It said that failure of the team not get away." early in the Olympic competition loss.

"The means by which they tried

After the game, the U.S. coach, knew it." However, it said, "another and Lou Vairo, said the game had been most probably main motivation physical, but not dirty. "Two teams was soon apparent. The foul play were competing," said Vairo, who was evidently incited by the Ameria added that the United States took and wound up eighth, the same as

I easily stayed with him. He could In addition to winning the 15-"automatically reduced the num- kilometer race on Monday, Svan ber of television transmissions and was the bronze medalist in the 30-

to avert the imminent disaster were son, said Svan "took the lead at apparent from their play in the match against our team." eight kilometers, and that was it. He could not be beaten, and he

The United States was third after

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MILWAUKEE—Signed Torn Condictti and Jaime Coconower, pitchers.

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Hrbek, first baseman, on a one-year controct. CHICAGO-Signed Gory Woods, putfielder.

the additional duties of ireasurer. Named

BASEBALL

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MONTREAL—Agreed to terms with Bryan Little, infielder, and Joe Hasketh and Dick Grapenthin, pitchers, on one-year contracts. SAN FRANCISCO-Announced that Frunk Robinson, manager, has received a two-veer contract extension. BASKETBALL National Baskethall Association CHICAGO—Acquired Steve Johnson, cen-ter, and three second-round draft picks from

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NEW ORLEANS—Cut Poncho James, run ning back, Dwayne Streeter and Jerry Mont-gomery, wide receivers. Acquired Peter speras, guard, from Philodelphia for a draft

ning back, off waivers from Los Angeles, Cliff Olander, quarterback-punter, and Larry McCrimmon, wide receiver, off waivers from Alichiaan, Traded James Talbert, running ey McClain, linebooker. Placed Emie Corswell, delensive back, on waivers.
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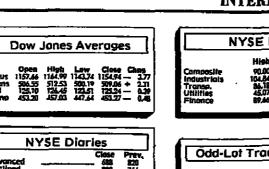
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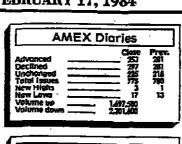
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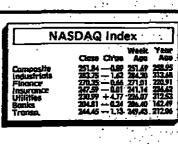


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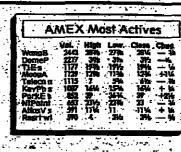
In April 1983 we chided prevailing opinion, writing... "It is incumbent upon us to warn against a craze, the high technology madness, a madness that has resulted in slews of "science" stocks selling at distorted prices that make no allowance for the vicissitudes of time and circumstance".

We repeated our theme over and over again, urging Investors to selfAPPLE at \$56, COLECO around \$52, COMMODORE, while it was seducing
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TANDY \$38, and "TXN" \$123. Our warnings defied the thinking of many prestigious investment firms, few of whom sense the patterns of stock market accumulation and distribution; the manoeuvers of the "Power Elite". ship" can be more relevant. As a corrolary to the bearish stance towards high-tech, we advised readers to stash away hydrocarbon equities, re-buking analysts who believe that the oil "glut" is a permanent phenomenon. As contrarians, we resist the "Crowd", having recommended BOEINGLIDGE.

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"Elitists", to buy into weakness, selling into strength, contradicting the behavior of timid investors. Our forthcoming letter focuses upon "seasoned" shares that may be gobbled up at higher prices by cagey predators; in addition, we discuss two incubating corporations in which we detect the possibility of substantial gain; "special situations" analagous to MCI COMMUNICATION, which we selected as a pet morsel around \$21. The shares subsequently soared to \$80, before a 4-1 split. For your complimentary copy please write to, or telephone: F.P.S. Financial Planning Services by Kelverstraat 112, 1012 PK Amsterd Phone: (020) - 27 51 81

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Four Singular Versions of a Room of One's Own

ONDON — The simple idea was to give each of four English artists a room of NERE WROM his own. The idea became more complicated when no space could be found to display the results. The London deparment store Liberty's came through with par of its top floor, a natural space in view of the store's long interest in design and the passion of its founder, Arthur Lasenby Liberty, for the arts (in addition to being a respected retaile, Liberty was often, and gratifyingly, mistalen for the Prince of Wales, later Edward

The exhibition, "Four Rooms," which opened to wide attention last week, will be at Libert's until March 10, when it begins an eight-nonth tour of provincial galleries. It has

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aching to do with interior decoration but is th response of four well-chosen artists to a inited space (roughly 20 by 20 feet, or 6 by 6 neters), ranging from a live-in sculpture by Anthony Caro to a grim hospital room by chard Hamilton.

The abstract painter Howard Hodgkin deribes his room, the only one the visitor can tually sit in, as having a deliberately clausophobic and rich appearance. "Sadly, be-ause it is in a public place, nothing very acting can go on in it," he adds. The painter nd performance artist Marc Camille Chaimowicz describes his room, the only one that a visitor cannot enter but must look at across a barrier, as "a frozen frame from an

imaginary movie."
"Four Rooms" is an Arts Council of Great Britain exhibition devised by Michael Regan, who wearily says he hopes his next show will consist of tiny paintings hung on walls. Regan came to the Arts Council from the Victoria and Albert Museum and has tried ever since to interest the Arts Council in the applied, as well as the fine, arts. "Four Rooms" seemed a way of getting the twain to meet and Regan chose four artists who had used interiors as their

"Hodgkin's paintings are abstract but they're all about the psychological drama that goes on in a room, represented in pure color," Regan says. "With Chaimowicz there is a clearer link because he does performances in rooms and uses his own flat as an art work. In this room he has detached himself.

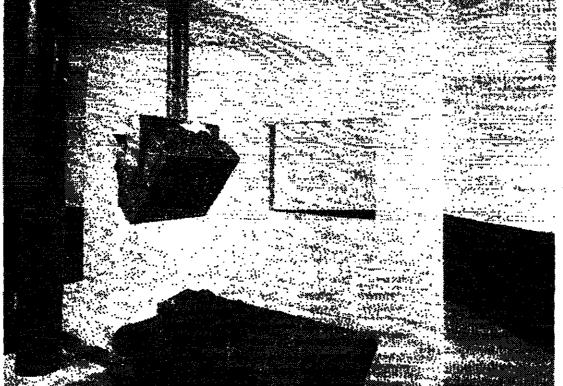
"Hamilton has depicted rooms in drawing and prints and did an interior for the 'This Is Tomorrow' show in 1956. Caro is a sculptor who in recent years has been working on table pieces that look as if they have chambers and as if they could be much larger. His is the only room you can walk around and into."

Caro's room is a jauntily jumbled tower that scrapes Liberty's ceiling and can be climbed into by lithe visitors who must put on special slippers so as not to mar the Japanese oak finish. Caro, who has not worked in wood before, says he found the sawing and hammering of his assistants awfully noisy.

This is like sculpture turned inside out," he

says, watching visitors disappear into his piece. 'I don't think we appreciate enough the space we're in. That's what sculpture's all about." Richard Hamilton, 62, is with Caro the se-

nior artist in the show and the most experienced at making interiors and in installing exhibitions. While the others found room-makshrewdly chose mostly ready-made objects and and Eileen Gray. Its most startling feature is a



Richard Hamilton's room.

is the only one of the four to consider how his room will look when filled with visitors (merely sinister when empty, it should be totally alarming when full).

"I thought something somber was required," Hamilton says. "It was clear that Hodgkin would be decorative, Chaimowicz poetic, Caro sculptural." His own room was inspired by his having had his stomach X-rayed.

A pop artist who first became known for his collage, "Just What Is It That Makes Today's Homes So Different, So Appealing?" People still connect him with Pop. "I am afraid as I get older that I will be left behind." Hamilton says. He is right up to date in the pessimism his room shows.

"I feel the room is very pessimistic in that it is representative of its time. We have been going through 10 years of depression - the '50s and '60s optimism is over."

Hamilton's coolly worked-out room features a hospital bed with what looks like an X-ray machine over the patient. It turns out to be a television screen on which Margaret Thatcher endlessly, and soundlessly, speaks. The inspiration, says Hamilton, was the bleak, seedily clinical style of the present Establishment. The essential characteristic of such a space is the way it implies an impartial energy: if we wait our turn patiently, we will be given the treatment." For all its sleekness, the room is,

says Hamilton, inspired by passionate anger.

By contrast. Marc Camille Chaimowicz's room is a fantasy space, part sanctuary, part threat. The youngest and least known of the four artists. Chaimowicz approached the job with surefooted intensity. "I am the one who had the least to lose and the most to gain. It was my first opportunity to work on such a level," he says.

His room, mostly in gray, is in part a homage

cally adds.

In his impoverished days, Hodgkin did a bit of interior decorating. Poverished now, he has done and redone his Georgian country house out of a spirit of perfectionism and is fascinated by interior decoration.

hopelessly tilted desk called "On Decline," on which Chaimowicz says one can, with some difficulty, write, though not type, "It is both a piece of sculpture and function-

al," Chaimowicz says. "It is a metaphor for the 'Four Rooms' project - the duality of the line

arts and the applied arts trying to meet."

Since he had a domestic space in mind,
Chaimowicz added a colored slide sequence of the young and typewriterless couple who might inhabit his room. Evidently they spend a lot of time on the telephone because he also has what he calls a telephone couch surmounted by an arch. "The arch protects it and is threatening," says Chaimowicz. He is slim, with delicately outstanding ears. "It's the Fall," he enigmati-

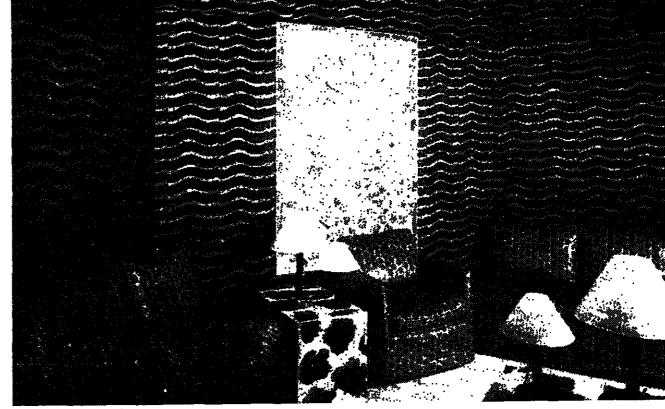
Like Chaimowicz, Howard Hodgkin, the high fiver of the group with a growing international reputation, has had his furniture and fabrics manufactured and offered for sale. The lesson he has learned, he says, is just the opposite of what the show intended: "Designers are designers and artists are artists," he grimly says.

"I think everyone is these days," People now care more about decor than clothes, he says. "Interior design is not concerned with being rich - anyone can do it. This show is probably very well timed because everyone cares about

Hodgkin's space has eight fine lamps of his own design and is packed with chintz-covered furniture. "I want it to have a claustrophobic, rich appearance. It's not a real room, it's a fantasy room. It is not a work of art. Some of do with real life, it has nothing to do with art." sorrow, is the handsome patinated bronze



Marc Camille Chaimowicz's room.



Howard Hodgkin's room.

Could be live in it? 'Not for a minute.'

ng, and it is. His pride, and now his made a l

lamps. "The manufacturer said I had made a Model T Ford. Unfortunately they are priced Hodgkin says he wanted his room to be like works of art. So instead of a Model T, I've

"I've always wanted a lamp that looks like a pain."

lamp - you could use these everywhere," he says sadly. "I'm proud of them. Lighting is a pain for everyone, it can ruin an interior. After sex and money," he says, "it is the biggest

Making a VCR **User-Friendly**

by Hans Fantel

EW YORK - Robert Prost defined poetry as "that which gets lost in translation." Frost didn't tell all. It's not just the poetry that slips between the cracks; often the sense is lost, too. Anyone who has looled at a typical instruction manual for video cassette recorders can testify to that.

Some of these helpful booklets are not so much translated as transmogrified from the Japanese, often leaving the owners of video recorders in a haz about all those knobs, buttons and switches. Even if translation successfully surmounts the hundes of language, the text itself rarely ventures beyond terse description.

That's hardly enough for the novice who needs to know not just the basic function of the various controls but also their proper application: when why and how they are to be used to make the viewing more enjoyable and convenient. With this in mind, let us embark on a guided tour of the more common video controls.

When breaking in a brand-new video cassete recorder, it is a good idea to make sure the output from the recorder is optimally matched to the television set displaying the picture, so that the signal is transferred from one component to the other without loss or distortion.

The quickest and easiest way to verify this i to place a prerecorded tape in the VCR, tune the television set to the appropriate vacant channel and watch the picture while slowly turning the fine-tuning control of the television set. Lave the control in the position yielding the clearest picture. course.

While primary control functions are often self-explanatory, viewers are frequently unaware of

ancillary uses. For example, the Pause control obviously stops recording or playback temporarily and is most often used to delete commercials when recording a telecast. What many viewers fail to realize is that the same control may be used to create smooth

transitions between different segments on he same tape.

Usually the picture "breaks up" between different "takes" on the tape, causing the sort of visual disruption known as a "glitch" among afficonados. To avoid the glitch, play to the end of the last completed scene on the tape and then hit Pause. While still in Pause, press the Record button for the beginning of the next segment and — only after that — release the Pause button. The result will be a smooth, glitch-free transition between two recorded segments.

On many models, the Pause button ale serves as a stop-action control, displaying a still picture (freeze-frame) when pressed during playback. In older video recorders (having only two magnetic heads rather than the four now commody employed for special effects) the still pictures are often marted by horizontal stripes. Sometimes it is possible to get rid of those disturbing stripes by adjusting the so-called tracking control.

However, this is not the main purpose of the tracking control. Its chief function is to facilitate the playing of tapes not recorded on our own machine. When you swap tapes with your friends the playing prerecorded tapes) may happen that the heads of the machine that produced (or when playing prerecorded tapes) may happen that the heads of the machine that produced the tape were not in exact alignment with your own VCR. This also produces those disturbing bars the tape were not in exact alignment with your own VCR. This also produces those disturbing bars across the picture, and the tracking ontrol should be rotated until they disappear.

In addition to slow motion, some ideo recorders permit frame-by-frame viewing in playback. This is useful for analyzing actions that normally occur at high speed.

A friend of mine — an ardent gafer — had videotapes taken of himself on the links; he later analyzed his swing in split-secon segments with the frame by frame feature on his VCR. Afterward he switched to slow incom to establish the continuity between those segments. He is convinced that this helped him reognize problems in muscle coordination and to improve his

Slow motion is also handy for rewing instructional tapes, such as cooking lessons, home-repair

A few video recorders have overse play among their special effects. Except for people who naturally do things backward, can think of no practical use for this one.

Two controls frequently confising to novices are Audio Dub and Video Dub. Audio Dub lets you replace the program's sould track with a narrative of your own while keeping the picture intact. Video Dub lets you puriew pictures on the tape while retaining the original sound.

These functions may be usful to serious videophiles exploring the more challenging and creative aspects of the mediun, but they are not likely to be of much concern to the casual

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Back to Nature, and Other Majorcan Pitfalls

by Anne Sinclair Mehdevi

UERTO ALCUDIA, Majorca -Goethe once wrote with yearning about "the land where the lemon trees bloom," and in an old movie Jean Gabin seduced a girl simply by murmuring "mimosa, mimosa." She was not the only person who found the idea of the south seductive, which is perhaps why thousands of Majorca's retired foreign residents come from Denmark, Sweden. West Germany and England - countries notorious for the grimness of their winter

Here, statistics for the last 10 years show a daily average of 4 hours of sunshine in December, more than 5 hours in January and 6.4 in February. Even autumn does not exist. The Majorcan language has no word for it; the season from Sept. 21 till Dec. 21 is called winter spring."

After the parched summer, the rains come in October and everything bursts into flower and carries right on. There are roses at Christmas and in February the mimosa is in full bloom and the countryside is pink with almond blos-

No matter what time of year a retired northern couple arrive here to settle down, they immediately go about realizing the garden of

their youthful fancies. Having bought a house with a small plot of land, they call in the local plant-nursery man. "We must have a mimosa, a lemon tree and a palm big enough to sit under." If they are lucky, the Garden of Eden is represented by a fig tree already in place. The local gardener may protest. So many trees should not be planted so close together;

the lemon must be in a protected, sundrenched spot. But he is in the business of selling plants and trees, so he follows his instructions. (Most retirees are desk-job people whose gardening experience is slight.) Five years later the paim has grown so frondy that it casts the sun terrace in perpetual

gloom. The lemon tree produces rock-hard fruit the size of walnuts. The slender trunk of the mimosa, having been placed in a wind corridor, has long since snapped in two. As for the fig. its roots have burrowed under the wall and burst open the neighbor's septic tank: cost of repair, \$200.

Still, dreams are not so readily abandoned. The retirees begin to diversify, and a not-sofriendly rivalry begins. Many go to the trouble and expense of importing seeds and potted plants from greenhouses back home in order to display something no one else has. The first season they can crow, but usually a year or two later something goes wrong. One woman brought in bell pepper seedlings, which were

the envy of her neighbors. The following season their carefully collected seeds produced skinny, pallid peppers of the local variety. The cause was cross pollination. Azaleas from the Netherlands, cyclamen from West Germany fade and turn brown in spite of intensive care.

In fact, intensive care is often the problem. In their eagerness to help nature along, many amateur gardeners kill their almond trees and cacti with over-watering. One man, determined to produce the biggest of everything, fed sack-loads of horse manure to his flowers and choked them with a most magnificent crop of

Some foreign garden buffs, however, have managed well.

Mr. Lundborg boasts of his roses, which are enormous. How does he do it? He is secretive. No one knows that he is an ardent fisherman and that his wife hates fish. His catches are buried in the rose bed.

Mrs. Stauffenberger, whose plants are always in perfect health, says she sings to any that look peaked. She is believed until someone finds out her trick: Whenever something isn't doing well, she digs it up and replaces it with a newly bought one.
Then there is Mr. Parker. He is the only one

able to grow curly parsley year after year. With everyone else the curly parsley comes uncurled the second season. Then his secret was discovered: a botanist son who regularly mails him new seeds from England. On arrival on the island, most foreigners

show a certain contempt for the typical Majorcan home garden. It has no grass, no herbaceous borders, no lavish display beds. The bushes and shrubs, all perennials, are stuck in the bare earth higgledy-piggledy like currants

The reasoning behind this is logical. Until a decade ago few towns had running water. Rain, which every household caught in cisterns, was considered much too precious to waste on grass and annuals. Also, as the Majorcan wants flowers all year round, the currants of his bun are judiciously selected so that something is always in bloom.

Not a few foreigners have followed suit. One Swede, who started out with one of the island's most exotic gardens — camelias, begonias, even a frangipani — could always be seen manuring, building windbreaks, loosening the soil and watering incessantly. Recently, some-one passing his house was astonished to see this elderly man leaning wearily on his shovel in a grassless plot planted with Majorcan stand-bys - heather, a strawberry tree and several yuccas, all immune to blights and bugs. He shrugged and explained: "Every year the ground gets farther and farther down."

Time for an Herb Garden



n economical way to start a new herb garden is from seed, and this is the time to do it. The most popular an-- nual and perennial herbs grow readily provided they have a cool, sunny space to get started indoors before it is time to move them out into the garden.

Among the annual berbs to try, depending on where you live, are sweet basil, the showy calendulas, caraway, dill, perilla and summer savory. Among the perennial herbs are lemon halm, chamomile, fennel, germander, hyssop, lavender, mints, rue, sage, common and fernleaved tansy and thymes.

Most perennials mentioned germinate within one to two weeks after sowing, but germander may require 30 days. Lavender also has a reputation as a finicky berb to start from seed, although personal experience has found it cooperative when treated correctly. Some prefer to grow lavender from nursery-grown plants. Herbs germinate well in seed-starting mix-

tures available commercially. Or mix your own with one part milled sphagnum moss to one part coarse builder's sand, to give herb seeds a good start in life. As you blend sphagnum moss and sand, slowly add water until the mixture has been thoroughly moistened.

To start seeds, any well-drained container

can be used, provided it is at least two inches deep. Clay or plastic flower pots help each herb to have its own pot, properly labeled. Or use milk cartons with drainage holes punched in the bottoms.

Fill each container to within a half-inch of the top. The better contact seed makes with its growing medium, the more likely it will germinate. Once the container is filled with seedstarting mix, gently firm down to eliminate air pockets and produce a level, uniform seed bed. If the planting medium has been moistened during the mixing process, firming it will also squeeze out excess moisture.

If the seeding mix is dry, set the container in a saucer of warm water until the top is moist to touch. Remove from the water and firm the mix once again to drain away any surplus water. Now you are ready to sow herb seeds. Space seed carefully so seedlings do not crowd one another. Unless the packet cautions against it, lightly sprinkle growing medium over the seeds and moisten with a misting

Place the containers where they receive diffuse or low light. They should be kept in a warm room - 70 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees centigrade) - to speed germination, ideally on a propagating mat to supply bottom

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TRAVEL

INTERNATIONAL DATEBOOK

AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Bösendorfer Hall (tel: 65.66.51). RECITALS — Feb. 23: Kaoru Hagishima piano (Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Debussy).

Feb. 28: The International Chopin Society: (Coupetin, Bach, Marin Marais). Feb. 29: Csaba Bornemisza cello, David Lutz piano (Bach, Brahms, Schu-

 Konzerthaus (tel: 72.12.11).

CONCERTS—Feb. 23: Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Hans Vonk conductor (Hindemith, Bruckner). Feb. 27: Consortium Musicum, Martin Sieghart conductor (Bach, Berger,

•Theater an der Wien (tel: 57.96,32). MUSICAL—Through April: "Cats."

Volksoper (tel: 53240).

OPERA—Feb. 25: "Die Zauberflöte"

BELGIUM

BRUSSELS. Opéra National (tel: 218.12.11). OPERA — Feb. 19, 22, 24, 26, 29; "II Trovatore" (Verdi). Feb. 28: "Semiramide" (Rossini). ePalais des Beaux-Arts (tel: CONCERTS — Feb. 21: Belgian Na-tional Orchestra, Kurt Woss conductor (Mozart).

RECITAL — Feb. 21: Eugene Istomin piano (Bach, Stravinsky, Beethoven). GHENT, Koninklijke Opera (tel: OPERA — Feb. 18-19, 25-26; "Das Land des Lächelns" (Lehár).

DENMARK

COPENHAGEN, Bella Center tional boat show.

Odd-Fellow Palaeet (tel: 11.27.22). CONCERT — Feb. 22: Sealand Symphony Orchestra, Aksel Wellejus conductor (Mozart, Stravinsky, Nielsen).

Tivoli Hall (tel: 15.10.12). OPERA — Through Feb. "The Barber of Seville" (Rossini). Through Feb. "Der Rosenkavalier" (Strauss).

ENGLAND

Barbican Art Gallery - To April 1: American Folk Art: Expressions of a Barbican Hall - Feb. 24: London Concert Orchestra, Alexander Farris conductor (Rossini, Bizet, Tchaikovsky. Borodin). "Much Ado About Nothing" (Shakespeare).
Feb. 24, 25, 27: "Maydays" (Edgar).

British Museum (tel:636.15.55).

EXHIBITIONS—To April 29: "German Drawings From Private Collec-To April 29: "Rembrandt and the Pas-Coliseum (tel: 240.52.58). English National Opera — Feb. 23 and 28: "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg" (Wagner). Feb. 22: "Patience" (Gilbert/Sulli-Feb. 24 and 29: "The Barber of Seville" National Theatre (tel: 928.22.52),
 Cottesloe Theatre — Feb. 24-27:
 "Master Harold and the Boys (Fu-18-20, 27-29: "Strider" (Ro-Lyttelton Theatre - Feb. 18-20, 24-29: "Cinderella" pantomime directed Olivier Theatre — Feb. 18-21: "Saint Joan" (Shaw). Feb. 22-27: "Jean Seberg" (Hamlisch). Feb. 28 and 29: "The Rivals" (Sheri-

EXHIBITION — To March 11: "The RECITALS — Feb. 21: Maria Tipo. Genius of Venice: 1500-1600." ●Royal Opera House (tel: 240.10.66). Celebrity Concert — Feb. 26: Gwyneth Jones soprano, Geoffrey Parsons Royal Ballet - Feb. 18 and 22: "La

Fille Mal Gardée" (Hérold). Royal Opera — Feb. 21 and 29: "La Bohème (Puccini). Feb. 20, 23, 25: Andrea Chénier Tate Gallery (tel: 821.13.13).

EXHIBITIONS — To March "Hans Haacke."
To April 29: "The Kessler Bequest." Victoria and Albert Museum (tel: 589.63.71). EXHIBITIONS—To Feb. 26: "Richard Doyle (1824-1883) and His Fam-

To Feb. 26: "Marketa Luskacova; Pilgrims," photography.
Wigmore Hall (tel: 935.21.41).
RECITALS — Feb. 19: Dmitri Alexeev piano (Brahms, Chopin, Schumann). Feb. 26: Philip Thomson piano (Chopin, Ravel, Liszt).

FINLAND

HELSINKI, Finlandia Hall CONCERTS — Feb. 23: Helsinki Symphony Orchestra, Okko Kamu conductor (Mahler, Sibelius). Feb. 24: The Kroumata Ensemble, Richard Pialat piano (Bach, Nordheim, Sandström). Feb. 29: Helsinki Symphony Orchestra, Okko Kamu conductor (Shostakovich, Saint-Saeus). RECITAL — Feb. 22: Grigori Sokolov piano.

FRANCE

PARIS, Ancienne Gare de la Bastille (tel: 345,72.00). Feb. 18-26: Second Eroticism Festival. Caveau de la Huchette (tel: JAZZ — Feb. 28: Dany Doriz Big •Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: EXHIBITIONS — Feb. 23-May 21: To March 26: "Christian Boltanski."

•L'Olympia (tel: 742.82.45).

CONCERT — Feb. 20 and 21: Pierre Le Petit Journal (tel: 326.28.59).

JAZZ — Feb. 25: Swing at Six.
Feb. 28: Claude Boiling Trio.
Le Petit Opportun (tel: 236.01.36).
JAZZ — Feb. 18-21: Little Big Horn.
Musée des Arts Décoratifs (tel: 260.71.46) LONDON, Barbican Centre (tel: 260.32,14). EXHIBITION — To March 26: "Les Fouquet: Jeweler in Paris 1860-1960." • Musée du Grand Palais (tel: 261.54.10). EXHIBITION — To March 4: "35th Salon of Young Painters." èe du Louvre (tel: 260.39.26). EXHIBITON — To April 2: "New Additions to Department of Painting 1980-1982."

●Muséedu Petit Palais (tel: 265.12.73). EXHIBITION — To April 1: "Ca-New Morning (tel: 523.51.41).

JAZZ — Feb. 25: Cecil Taylor.

Opera de Paris (tel: 742.57.50).

OPERA — Feb. 18, 21, 23, 27: "Jeruss-lem" (Verdi) Deced Paris (tel: 742.57.50).

lem" (Verdi) Donato Renzetti conduc-Palais des Congrès (tel: 758.22.22). jart's 20th-Century Ballet.

Palsis des Sports (tel: 828.40.48).
Ice Show — From Feb. 24: Holiday on

 Salle Gaveau (tel: 563.20.30). Ensemble Orchestral de Paris — Feb. 28: Augustin Dumay violin, Michel Plasson conductor (Roussel, Saint Sačos, Bizet).

•Salle Pleyel (tel: 563.88.73). Orchestre de Paris — Feb. 29 and March I: Rudolf Serkin piano, Daniel Barenboim conductor (Beethoven, Bruckner). Academy of Arts Theâtre des Champs-Elysées (tel:

Feb. 24: Andrea Lucchesiri Théâtre Musical de Paris (tel:

CONCERT—Feb. 27: Royal Philhar-monic Orchestra, Antal Dorati con-ductor (Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Ravel). ●Théâtre de Paris (tel: 280.09.30).

BALLET - To March 11: "Carmen" (Gadès/Saura). Théâtre de l'Union (tel: 770.90.94). THEATER - To March 14: Rocky Horror Show" (O'Brian).

GERMANY

BERLIN, Deutsche Oper Berlin (tel: OPERA - Feb. 19, 22, 25: "Fidelio" Feb. 18, 21, 26: "Der Rosenkavalier"

●Philharmonie (tel: 26.92.51). Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra — Feb. 25 and 26: Ann-Sophie Mutter soloist, Herbert von Karajan conductor (Bach, Strauss). (Bach, Strauss). Feb. 28 and 29; Pierre Amoyal soloist, Cristóbal Halffter conductor (Lalo,

FRANKFURT, Alte Oper Frankfurt CONCERTS — Feb. 21: Royal Phil-

harmonic Orchestra, Antal Dorati conductor (Debussy, Tippett, Beetho-OPERA - Feb. 22: "Aida" (Verdi) Peter Hirsch conductor. Oper Frankfurt (tel: 256.25.29).

BALLET — Feb. 19: "Romeo and Ju-liet" (Prokofiev) Michael Luig con-OPERA — Feb. 22: "Aida" (Verdi) Peter Hirsch conductor.
Feb. 23: "Il Turco in Italia" (Rossini)
Volkmar Olbrich conductor. Feb. 24: "Die Zauberflöte" (Mozart) Peter Hirsch conductor. Feb. 25: "Carmen" (Bizet) Manfred

HAMBURG, Staatsoper (tel: BALLET — Feb. 18: Homage to George Balanchine (Mozart, Tchaikovsky). OPERA — Feb. 19 and 24: "Cosi fan

Tutte" (Mozart). STUTTGART, Staatstheater (tel: Feb. 19: "Don Quichotte" (Lorenzi)
Jorge Mester conductor.

HONG KONG

HONG KONG, City Hall (tel: To Feb. 21: 12th Hong Kong Arts Festval.

CONCERT — To Feb. 19: Pittsburgh

Symphony Orchestra, André Previn

and Sir Michael Tippett conductors.

EXHIBITION — To April 1: "Twentieth Century Chinese Paintings."
RECITALS — Feb. 18: Yuzuko Horigome violin. Feb. 19: Cecile Licad piano.

TALY

MILAN, Teatro alla Scala (tel: 80.91.26).

OPERA — Feb. 28: "Idomeneo" (Mo-

ROME. Teatro Olimpico (tel: 39.33.04). DANCE — Feb. 29-March 4: Momix Dance Theater, Moses Pendleton con-RECITAL — Feb. 22: Franco Ros

TOKYO, Bunka Kaikan (tel: 371.53.84). OPERA — Feb. 24-26: "Madame Butterfly" (Puccini).

•Korakuen Stadium (tel: 811-21.11). CIRCUS - To Feb. 19: Bolshoi Cir-Okura Shukokan Museum (tel:

EXHIBITION — To Feb. 26: "Japanese Swords with Calligraphy of 19th-20th Centuries."

• Yubin Chokin Hall (tel; 314.25.68). DANCE—Feb. 21 and 22: Flamence from Seville.

NETHERLANDS

AMSTERDAM, Concertgebouw (tel: CONCERTS - Feb. 25: Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, James Con-lon conductor (Flothuis, Mozart, Ber-

Feb. 29: Concertgebouw Orchestra Hans Vonk conductor (Roussel,

•Rijksmuseum (tel: 63.21.21). EXHIBITIONS — To Feb. 26: "Irish Treasures," including bronze, silver and gold objects, and 7th-to 8th-century manuscripts. To March 4: "Bruegel in Print" ROTTERDAM, De Doelen (tel:

14.29.11).

Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra— Feb. 19: Marjon Lambriks soprano Walter Weller conductor. Feb. 23 and 24: Emanuel Ax piano. James Conlon conductor (Mozart Berlioz, Penderecki). Feb. 29: Wiktor Liberman violin James Conlon conductor (Mussorgsky, Tchaikovsky).

NORWAY

OSLO. Oslo Concert Hall (tel: 23 and 24: Marc Soustrot conducto (Berlioz, Saint-Saëns, Kvandal). Feb. 28: Esa-Pekka Salonen cond (Stravinsky, Söderlind, Andresen

PORTUGAL

LISBON, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (tel: 734.51.31). CONCERTS — Feb. 21: Colle con Basso (Haydn, Mendelssohn, Hin-demith, Dvorák). Feb. 27: Traditional Iranian music. Feb. 28: Soloists of the Gulbenkian Orchestra, Jorga Moyano piano (Ce-sar, Frank, Debussy). RECITAL—Feb. 20: Roberto Fabri-

SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH, National Gallery (tel: 556.89.21). EXHIBITIONS — To April 29: "Rembrandt to Senrat."
To April 29: "British Art 1900-1939." The Queen's Hall (tel: 228.11.55). CONCERTS — Feb. 22: Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Jaime Laredo conductor (Hallgrimsson, Mendels sohn, Mozart).
Feb. 25: Edinburgh Symphony Or chestra, Leon Coates conductor.

SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Halle Sud (tel; 28,46.20). EXHIBITION — To March 6: "Josh ua Gessel's Collection of Today. Musée de l'Athénée (tel: 29,75.60).
 EXHIBITION — To March 6:

MONTANA, L'Eglise Catholique (tel: 41.21.00). CONCERT — Feb. 29: Katia Ricciar elli soprano, Leone Magiera piano (Vicello, Piernarciso Masi piano (Mozart, ti, Puccini).
Beethoven, Webern, Brahms).

UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Guggenheim Museum EXHIBITION — To Feb. 19: "Japanese Art."

•Metropolitan Museum of Art (tel: 535.77.10). EXHIBITION — To April 15: "Anatomical Drawings by Leonardo da Vinci from the Royal Library at Windsor Castle."

> That's not possible when he's in Europe, so then he brings cans of chili, a can opener and a and still eat the meat, then it's ready."

The All-American King of Chili

by Nancy Mills

OS ANGELES - When Ronald Reagan moved into the White House three years ago, one of his first executive actions was to order Chasen's Restaurant in Los Angeles to fly in some chili-Suddenly, one of America's most mundane foods took on an aura of glamour.

Now there's a movement afoot to put chili right up there alongside the American eagle. Despite protests from connoisseurs of apple pie, Idaho potatoes and Boston baked beans, the International Chili Society is working to introduce a bill in Congress this year that will acknowledge chili as America's official dish.

Unlike hamburgers and hot dogs, there seems to be little doubt that chili is 100 percent American. Chili historians place its origin somewhere in Texas in the 1800s — although they admit that at the time Texas was still part of Mexico. But that's nitpicking.

According to C.V. Wood, a world champion chili cook who helped found the International Chili Society in 1970, "The fact that chili peppers stop the oxidation of meat was discovered in North Africa or the Malay peninsula. No one knows when, nor is it recorded when the idea was taken up by cowboys herding cattle through the American Southwest, who began storing chili peppers and fresh meat in their saddlebags and cooking them together at

Today chili is eaten all over America, chili powder is the biggest selling spice in the country and, according to a survey, more than 65 percent of the U.S. population eats chili at least once a year. The biggest chili-eaters are not in Texas or California — more chili is consumed in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio than anywhere else. It can get mighty cold there in the winter, and capsicum peppers, an integral part of chili, are known for their ability

to raise internal temperatures. Chili is so popular, Wood believes, because, There isn't such a thing as a bad bowl of chili, although some is better than others." Unlike most dishes, there is no one right way to make chili. Most chili is a jumble of meat, vegetables (usually onions, tomatoes and peppers) and

Many cooks add their own secret ingredients, which can range from rattlesnake, moose and armadillo meat to beer, chocolate and lime juice. One ingredient they mustn't add, however, is beans. "Anyone who knows beans about chili," Wood says, reciting the chili-lover's motto, "knows that chili doesn't have beans." Wood has little use for the "chili" President Reagan orders from Chasen's: "Maude [Chasen) doesn't make chili. She puts beans in it, so it ain't chili. She makes good chili and beans,

but that's a different dish. "Chili is very personal," Wood continues, "and every cook insists his is the best." Asked if he has ever tasted any that was better than his, he insists, "Of course not, and I wouldn't tell you if I did."

Although in his own circle Wood is renowned for his Tex-Mex culinary expertise, the rest of the world knows him as the businessman who bought London Bridge and rebuilt it at Lake Havasu in the Arizona desert. Earlier in his career, he built and ran Disneyland. Now retired as chairman of the board of McCullough Oil, Wood is a Los Angeles business consultant.

A chili-eater since he was in diapers, Wood downs about 30 gallons (120 liters) every year. He is such a firm believer in the goodness of few months old he used to grind up chili for them in the blender. "Chili has lots of vitamins C and A," he points out.

He himself makes a practice of eating chili at least once a day - usually for breakfast. "There's no way I can get started without a 'bowl of red,' he explains. "Once in a while, though, I'll have eggs and chili oil." (Chili oil is the fat that rises to the top of a pot of chili. To Wood's mind, "That's where all the flavor is.") Naturally, Wood makes all his own chili, six

quarts (about six liters) at a time. When he travels, he packs "a concentrate that will last for a month, but I have to go to somebody's house so I can cook it up."

candle. "In the morning I'll call downstairs and order breakfast for my wife and a bowl for me. Then I'll punch two little holes in the top of a chili can, bend a wire coat hanger so that it can hold up the can and put a candle under it. It's like a pressure cooker. By the time the bowl arrives, my chili is hot."

Wherever he goes, his first objective is to find a chili restaurant. In Paris, he goes to a restaurant in the basement of the Hilton. In Athens, he heads for the U.S. military base. In Rome, he starts at the Excelsior Hotel, turns right and walks a block and a half to the only restaurant in town — he can't remember the name — that serves his favorite food.

Wood is not the only chili fanatic around. More than 10,000 people belong to the International Chili Society.

To take advantage of the competitive spirit of chili cooks, the society licenses "Chili Cookoffs" across America and any place else in the world that can gather at least 20 cooks to prepare their chili in front of judges. The society provides a packet of guidelines to anyone who wants to start a local chapter (Post Office Box 2966, Newport Beach, California All 50 states plus Canada, Australia, New

Zealand, Guam, Tahiti and Britain send their cookoff winners to the annual world championship. The 18th championship cookoff, scheduled Oct. 21 in California, offers a topprize of \$25,000. Last year, 15,000 people came to watch 73 teams at work.
"The great thing about these cookoffs,"
Wood explains, "is all the fun people have

getting into them. Last year we sanctioned about 250 cookoffs. Each one had about 30 cooks, and each cook had at least 20 people involved on his team. Some had teams of 200-300." To compete in the world championship, U.S. teams had to win their local, district, state and regional cookoffs.

"Having fun is the most important part," out there laughing and scratching. And all the money goes to charity. Last year we raised \$750,000."

Wood, who knows the prime years for chili peppers as well as oenologists know wine vintages, feels that "to be a good chili chef, you need 4-5 years of good training. People think it's so simple — until they get into it. Most recipes tell you to throw everything into the poi at once. That's not right, but it takes about 30 40 batches until you learn when to add the different ingredients.

"What makes perfect chili is when it all breaks down perfectly together. You don't want to cook the meat until it falls apart. If you had false teeth and could take your teeth out

C.V. WOOD'S CHAMPIONSHIP CHILL 3three-pound chicken 1½ quarts water or 4 (10%-ounce) cans chicken

1/2 pound beef suct or 1/2 cup oil cup finely chopped celery cups peeled, chopped tomato ands thank steak

6 long green chilies, peeled, or 2 (4-ounce) cans o tong green chaites, peeren, diced green chaites 1 tablespoon oregano 1 tablespoon ground cumin ½ teaspoon MSG, optional

tablespoon black pepper teaspoons salt ablespoons chili powder teaspoon cilantro teaspoon thyme loup beer

cloves garlic, finely chopped 5 pounds thin center-cut pork ch medium onions, cut in ½-inch pie 2 green peppers, cut in %-inch pieces 1 pound Jack cheese, shredded (cm use ched-

Juice of 1 lime

Cut chicken in pieces and combine with water in large sancenan Simmer two hours. then strain off broth. Use chicken in another dish. Melt suct to make six to eight tablespoons

In two-quart saucepan combine celery, to-matoes and sugar and simmer one and a half hours. Trim all fat from flank steak and cut into %-inch cubes. Boil peeled chilies 15 minutes until tender, remove seeds and cut into \ inch squares. Mix oregano, cumin, MSG, perper, salt, chili powder, cilantro and thyme with beer until all lumps are dissolved. Add tomato mixture, chilies, beer mixture and garlic to chicken broth

Pour a third of the suet drippings into the skillet, add half the pork chops and brown: Repeat for remaining pork. Add pork to broth-mixture and cook slowly 30 minutes. Brown flank steak in remaining drippings about a third at a time. Add to pork mixture. Return to. simmer and cook slowly about one hour. Add onions and green peppers, simmer two to these hours longer, stirring with a wooden spoon every 15 to 20 minutes. Cool one hour these refrigerate 24 hours

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Reheat chili before serving. About five min-mes before serving, add cheese. If you are reheating only part of the chili, use a such of a pound of cheese per quart. Just before serving, add lime juice and stir with a wooden spoon. Makes six quarts.

X-Ray Hazards at the Airport

by Paul Grimes

TEW YORK - The confrontation at the Madrid Airport was unpleasant. An American, carrying a bag full of film he had used on a month's vacation, was asked by a security officer to put it through an X-ray machine. The traveler, fearing possible damage to the film in the form of fogging, asked that the bag be

The officer balked, the American insisted and angry words were exchanged. Finally the officer seemed to submit: He personally opened each of the traveler's two-dozen canisters, removed the 35-millimeter film cartridges and examined them — and then hastily thrust everything back in the bag and put it through the machine anyway. Fortunately, none of the film was damaged, As the American learned

later from photographic experts at home, Madrid's X-ray device was indeed safe for his relatively low-speed film, just as the security officer had contended. Nonetheless, the episode left unanswered the questions of what might have happened if his film had been high-speed and whether a traveler has a right to protect it. "The passenger has a right and in most cases it works because the

Civil Guard will oblige," says Pilar Vico, a spokesman for the Spanish National Tourist Office in New York. "But in most cases one of the first things they will say is 'Don't worry too much,' and if a passenger insists on hand inspection, a lot will depend on who is in charge. It's a very personal thing; it depends on who is on duty at a particular moment. The Madrid incident was hardly unique. In the United States, Federal

Aviation Administration regulations guarantee travelers the right to have photographic equipment inspected by hand instead of by X-ray, on request. Abroad, however, the situation is spotty; some countries do, others don't. For example, Alta Cools, features editor of Photo Weekly and publisher of an industry newsletter, tells of confrontations in Düsseldorf and Rome and says that she personally heard an armed guard in Brussels tell an American tourist, "You have two choices: Either put

your film through the X-ray machine or stay here in Belgium." Manra Raphael, public and customer relations representative for Swissair in New York, says that airport security officials at both Zurich and Geneva "insist that all carry-ons" undergo an X-ray monitoring procedure. Raphael is quick to add, however, that in repeated checks of equipment at both airports, "it has been proven beyond doubt that X-ray inspection of film materials, as well as video and magnetic data-

processing tapes, pharmaceutical products and food items, is absolutely According to photo industry experts, the risk of X-ray damage to most film has lessened substantially at most airports in recent years because of the installation of low-dosage equipment. The biggest prob-

lems are reported from the Soviet bloc. "East Europe and the Soviet Union sometimes accede to requests for hand inspection, sometimes refuse this courtesy," reported Bob Schwal-berg, a senior editor of Popular Photography. "A lot worse, however, is their habit of heavily X-raying checked-through baggage, the last refuge of a traveling film bound."

Based on such reports, one might expect photo buffs to have few fears these days. Considerable concern has been revived, however, with the recent introduction by Eastman Kodak and the 3M Company of color

film with a speed rating of 1000 — or two and a half times more than the fastest film previously in common use.

But according to Genn McIninch, who recently retired from Kodak's

film technical services division, tests indicate that the new film is three to four times more sensitive to X-rays than 400-speed film. Kodak includes a printed warning withins new film about possible damage from X-ray exposure, and the FAA has recommended that such film be removed from carry-on luggage and be inspected physically because "H is sensitive enough to be affected by the low level of X-ray energy used in the screening process."

A spot check indicated that at some foreign airports where security A spot check indicated that at some foreign airports where seeming officers usually insist out a raying hand baggage, they will releast if 1000-speed film is involved. Protographic experts state, however, that one exposure to X-ray rarely will damage film; it is in repeated exposures on a prolonged trip that the real danger lies.

The main reason for security measures such as the use of X-rays is, obviously, to thwart potential injackers. Sympathetic to this, the photo-

An armed guard in Brussels told an American tourist, 'You have two choices: Either put your film through the X-ay machine or stay here in Belgium'

graphic industry treads cautioutly while trying to ease the plight of camera-toting travelers. Thomas Jufficy, staff attorney and spoke-suan for the U.S. National Associathm of Photographic Manufacturers, points out that film that has been processed or developed is not subject to radiation damage. He says that within the United States, at least.

to fautation damage. He says that within the United States, at least, undeveloped film with a speed of \$10 or less may be subjected to up to five X-ray inspections during trave with reasonable certainty that it will not be visibly affected. He cauties, however, that \$000 speed film should not be subjected to X-ray file can be avoided.

A handy way to facilitate physical majorition, he aids, is to place all film in a clear plastic bag so the inspection, he aids, is to place all film in a clear plastic bag so the inspection has no difficulty in determining its nature. He aids: "You might so plan your film shouling so that you can present your camera, not looked with film, to the inspection for an X-ray inspection." an X-ray inspection."

others advise that you carry as more firm as possible in your pocket, since it will not be damaged by the nigneric setunity devices that you walk through. (Metal film cartridges may make the device whime not you can usually then put them on a trap shale you walk through again.) Schwalberg of Popular Photographicays that "many of us take a paranoid route — double pouch our am and put it at baggage that gets checked through "He cautions, however, that he would not do this if passing through airports known to X sy dicked baggage, expensively since some are reputed to step up the dogs; if the initial radiation falls to identify the contents. to identify the contents.

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IAMI BEACH, Florida - Miami Beach is still the first choice of millions of snowbirds, despite its loss of some luster and charm. And what it lacks these days might be made up by including Miami in the visit. But there are several things a visitor should know to fully appreciate the sprawling international community of Miami and Miami Beach, which only a few years back was basically a vacation and retirement resort for white Americans from the 'North. Some things haven't changed, while

Miami is still pronounced "Miama" by natives of the area, but they are increasingly a minority. For a region that thrives on tourism, hospitality is an unusually hit-and-miss proposition. The rich mix of nationalities from the southern part of the Western Hemisphere has brought Spanish into wide use. Be prepared either to learn a little Spanish or run the risk of being misunderstood or ignored.

Don't talk politics unless you have a lot of time to spare and are well versed. Unlike many Southern cities, where developments overseas have a low priority, the large Jewish community of Miami Beach keeps the Middle East on the front burner. In Miami the large Hispanic population keeps discussions about Central and South America hot. There is little consensus on the issues, as one might expect.

Also, remember that Key lime pie, a dessert that Floridans claim as their own, is not green. The real thing should be off-yellow and tart.

any major airlines have reduced service any major airlines have reduced service to Miami International Airport, complaining of congestion and too much competition from carriers offering cut-rate fares. Service is shifting to Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood Airport, but Miami International, only 15 minutes from downtown Miami and 20 minutes from Miami Beach, is still the most convenient arrival point.

Taxi service is available from the airport and throughout most of Dade County. The initial fare is \$1.20, increasing by \$1 a mile thereafter. The municipal bus line covers most of the greater Miami area and charges \$1 a ride. There are numerous limousine and airport-to-

To get the most out of a visit, it is preferable to have one's own transportation. Points of interest are spread over a vast area, making cabs and limousine services costly and buses cabs and minousing services are easily accessible to each other by way of six causeways:

MacArthur, Venetian, Julia Tuttle, 79th Street, Broad and Sunny Isles. The main north-south artery of Miami is Interstate 95, which spills into U.S.1 (Dixie Highway) just south of downtown and is linked to Miami Beach by several of the causeways.

> The main road in Miami Beach is Collins Avenue. Starting near the southern end of the beach, Collins snakes northward through the concrete imple of hotels and condominiums stretching into Broward County. The causeway with the best view is the I-395/MacArthur Causeway. It cuts through the edge of downtown Miami and runs alongside the Port of Miami where cruise ships dock.

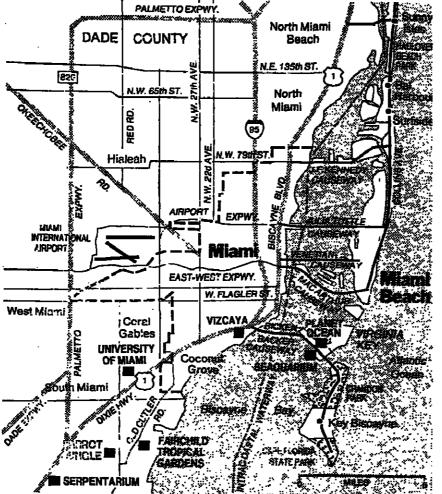
o lure beachcombers back after years of L deterioration of its beaches and hotels, Miami Beach is staging an aggressive restoration effort. Along the Atlantic, where the natural shoreline gave way to man-made beaches years ago, millions of local and federal dollars have been poured into rebuilding and extend-ing the beaches. A boardwalk is being built along sections of the beachfront to enhance its appeal. Many hotels have invested in facelifts and the first new hotel in 15 years, the \$35million Alexander, opened recently.

From Golden Beach at the north end of the Miami Beach area to South Beach near the southern tip, the 16 or so beach areas vary from choice to repulsive.

The North Shore Open Space Park, between

79th and 87th Streets, has family appeal with its boardwalk, pavilions and lifeguard. The beach at 21st Street, once characterized by a local paper as the "combat zone," is known more for drugs and sex. Just a few blocks away, at about 10th Street, the beach is dominated by

Another spot for beachcombers is Key Bis-ayne, a small island south of Miami Beach and accessible from Miami over the Rickenbacker Causeway. It is much less spoiled than Miami Beach, but its major drawback is traffic congestion, especially on weekends, when it an take an hour or two to get to or from the



All Miami area beaches are open to the as does the Cuban Museum of Art and Culture. 1300 S.W. 12th Avenue, Miami (tel: 305-858-

he area's natural link to the environment ■ offers visitors some unusual treats, even for Most Miami/Miami Beach restaurants fall into one of three categories: seafood, those who have never cared much for environmental matters. In contrast to the packed-in Hispanic or European with an emphasis on look of apartment houses and other dwellings, the emphasis with regard to visitor attractions is on freedom of the beast.

Start with Metrozoo, a 250-acre (100-hect-

are) facility that allows animals to roam free on

islands surrounded by moats — a refreshing

relief from zoos that cram animals into cages.

Open from 10 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. daily, with

the last tickets sold at 4 P.M. (12400 S.W. 152d

Bird lovers should enjoy the Parrot Jungle, a

collection of uncaged tropical birds that roam the grounds at 11000 S.W. 57th Avenue, Miami

(tel: 305-666-7834). Monkey fanciers may be drawn to the Monkey Jungle, 14805 S.W. 157th Avenue, Miami (tel: 305-235-1611), while

snake lovers can visit the Sementarium, 12655

Marine enthusiasts should try Planet Ocean,

3979 Rickenbacker Causeway, Key Biscayne

(tel: 305-361-9455), where oceanography and

atmospheric changes are explored through

simulated clouds and rainstorms. The iceberg

there is supposed to be real. Youngsters should

also enjoy the Seaquarium, 4400 Rickenbacker Causeway (tel: 305-361-5703), which has per-

The Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old

Cutler Road, Miami (tel: 305-667-1651), is an

83-acre garden of tropical plants from around

the world. It is open from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The Orchid Jungle, 26715 S.W. 157th

Street, Miami (tel: 305-247-4824), has nearly a

square mile of orchids. Open from 8:30 A.M.

A varied collection of plants and animals

can be found at Viscaya, 3251 South Miami Avenue, Miami (tel: 305-579-2708). Built in

1914 on the edge of Biscayne Bay by James Deering, a founder of International Harvester.

this 50-room Italian Renaissance palace with

its formal garden is in the midst of a \$5-million

preservation project. Open from 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, except Christmas Day. All of these attractions charge an adult ad-mission of no more than \$5 and usually allow

children under 3 to enter free. At least one, the

Fairchild Tropical Garden, admits youngsters

Art exhibits may be encountered at several

places, such as Lowe Art Museum at the Uni-

versity of Miami in Coral Gables (tel: 305-284-

3535), which offers free displays of Oriental, European and American art. The Bacardi Art

Gallery, 2100 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami (tel: 305-573-8511), changes displays periodically,

to 5:30 P.M.

under 13 free.

forming dolphins and a large aquarium.

South Dixie Highway (tel: 305-235-5722).

Street, Miami: tel: 305-251-0400).

Joe's Stone Crab, 227 Biscayne Street, Miami Beach (tel: 305-673-0365), which is plagued with long lines (no reservations accepted), offers meals ranging from \$3.95 to \$22 a person. Open Monday to Friday from 11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. and from 5 P.M. to 10 P.M. and on weekends from 4:30 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Mike Gordon's Seafood, 1201 N.E. 79th

Street (tel: 305-751-4429), is consistent in food (\$5 to \$20 a person) and friendly service. Like Joe's, no reservations are accepted, but the wait is shorter. Open noon to 10 P.M. Tuesday Juanito's Centro Vasco, 2235 S.W. Eighth

Street (tel: 305-643-9606), specializes in lobster Creole, fried garbanzo beans and homemade sangria (\$12 to \$14 a person). Open from noon to 11:30 P.M. daily.

The Malaga Restaurant, 740 S.W. Eighth Street (tel: 305-858-4224), serves consistently good basic Spanish and Cuban food (\$3.50 to \$5 a person at lunch, \$5 to \$9 a person at dinner). Open daily 11:30 A.M. to 11 P.M.

here are no small, quaint hotels in the 1 Miami area. The hotels are either soaring masses of concrete and glass or small masses of concrete and glass. In Miami Beach the leader for luxury is the Fontainebleau Hilton, 4441 Collins Avenue (tel: 305-538-2000). Rates for n start at \$90 \$115 during the winter. Just behind the Fontainebleau is a cluster of oceanfront hotels with first-class accommodations. They include the Doral-on-the-Ocean, 4833 Collins Avenue (tel: 305-532-3600), with rates starting at \$89, increasing to \$120 during the winter, and the Eden Roc, 4525 Collins Avenue (tel: 305-531-0000), with rates starting at \$55, increasing to \$95 during the winter.

Among more modestly priced Miami Beach hotels are the Cardozo/Carlyle Hotels, 1250 and 1300 Ocean Drive in the Art Deco District (tel: 305-534-2135), with rates of \$40, increas-

ng to \$45 during the winter. In Miami the Omni Hotel, 1601 Biscayne Boulevard (tel: 305-374-0000), a 20-story structure with more than 150 retail shops under the same roof, is centrally situated. Rooms are \$100. Other major hotel chains -Holiday Inn, Howard Johnson, Hyatt, Marriott and Sheraton - have several hotels around

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| Under Penang's Sign of the Turtle

by Vicky Elliott

ENANG, Malaysia - Penang is one of the 13 states of Malaysia, an island, the guidebooks say, in the shape of a swimming turtle. Under the British, it was a flourishing port, like Singapore, and it opens itself to comparisons with that other, more prosperous, island, if only because much of it looks like the Singapore of 40 years ago, and because it has a similar ethnic recipe: Chinese predominating, with a rich seasoning of Indian and Malay. For those in search of swimming turtles, however (not to mention pit vipers and rhesus monkeys), Penang has the edge over the competition.

More tourists come here than to any other place in Malaysia, mainly for the beaches, the barbecues and bars of the huxury hotels in Batu Ferringhi, on the north coast of the island. But the real charm of Penang lies in its three-in-one cultural bonus, a sort of concentrated introduction to Asia. It may take decades to visit China, India and the Middle East in turn: here, it is all available in a particular telescoped version. In the streets, the trishaws trundle by, and the tinny wail of the mnezzin rings over bare-chested Tamils in white loincloths. There are red-pillared Chinese clan houses, overblown Hindu temples and bul-

bous concrete mosques; the restaurants serve undiluted versions of curries and chow meins and satay. At night, a neighborhood may be lit by a Chinese funeral, with grandmother's effigy in paper seated in a lifesize paper car; there may be a festival at Sri Mariam of silk and incense. In 1786, when Penang was the home of pirates, Captain Francis Light of the British East India Company sailed in and captured it, promising protection to the Sultan of Kedah. He called it Prince of Wales Island,

and he named his settlement Georgetown after George III. Georgetown

is the first stop today for those who ferry over from the mainland, but the island is Pulau Pinang, or Betel Nut Island in Malay. Like anywhere else, Penang was a cozier place 30 years ago, when the ocean liners stopped at its free port on their routes through the Far East. The traffic now is on the roads, and the large Tun Abdul Razak shopping center has gone up in the middle of town. "That's the price we have to pay for the pace of development," says Richard Ooi, a Penang Chinese in middle management. "We don't want to be left behind." Now workers are busy assembling West German electronic systems in

the free trade zone near the airport. All that is only a distant patch of the view from the top of Penang Hill, reached by a mile of cable car that slices vertically through the jungle and up 2,700 feet (830 meters). It is cooler here and there are a mosque and a Hindu temple and a colonial hotel bungalow with hibiscus and neatly tended lawn.

Another journey up is to Ayer Itam's Kek Lok Si, the Chinese Temple of Paradise also known as the Temple of a Million Buddhas. It has a wedding cake of a pagoda, a hybrid of Chinese, Thai and Burmese flourishes, and it was inaugurated with great circumstance in 1905. A local historian, T. Poh, tells how the Abbot Beow Lean was installed "with the ringing of cymbals and the tolling of the large temple bell," and how the ceremony concluded with "a sumptious vegetarian dinner."

There is still a sumptuous vegetarian dinner to be witnessed, as pilgrims throw watercress to the turtles in the Sacred Tortoise Pond. The devout Buddhist, for whom the turtle is the symbol of longevity, strength and endurance, earns merit by liberating a turtle here on festive days, and the water festers with their incarcerated carapaces, blundering

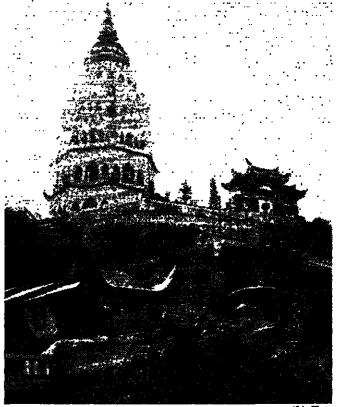
At twilight, when the pond is drained, the spectacle is heightened. There is no swimming, only naked turtles on cement, a ceaseless, shifting clambering. The turtles do not seem to see: They drop off rocks with fearful cracks and strain their flippers in the air. To the observer on the parapet, the scene leaves a whiff of apocalypse.

Further into the temple, in the Hall of Devas, are a chubby laughing

Buddha and four gold giants, the Heavenly Kings, each trampling two degenerates underfoot. Then there are the nuns who chant to drums and sell vacuum packs of chrysanthemum tea and lychee juice. A young Malaysian writer, Lee Tok Kee, has written how their shaved pates, their ancient eyes, turn the nuns, too, into turtles.

"We Chinese," writes T. Poh, explaining how Buddhists cultivate Confucian divinities and Taoist beliefs, "are not particular about what we worship, as long as there is a need to worship." The need to worship manifests itself in the candle-lit shrines that glow in the back streets of Penang and in a sturdy crop of temples built by 19th-century immigrants from China.

It is also manifest at the Snake Temple, which is something of a rarity.



The temple of Kek Lok Si.

Its snakes, pit vipers, weave around fans of twigs, doze on altar ledges, lurk under tables, the young lime-green ones staring glassily into space.

The head priest has left notices for visitors, humbly begging to remain piously theirs, making a modest appeal for contributions and informing those touching or handling the snakes that they do so at their own risk. A photographer, undeterred, has some handy to coil around visitors'

The snakes have always liked the place, although their numbers have been diminishing recently, and now the colony numbers fewer than 30. They mysteriously appeared when the temple was completed in 1850 and, the attendant says, they go and come at will, emerging from the jungle particularly on the birthday of the temple's patron saint. "They are active at night," says the attendant, who leaves eggs out for them, on the floor. "They come down and crawl everywhere."

Also free to come and go as they wish are the rhesus monkeys in the Botanical Gardens, a pampered stretch of jungle, lawn and waterfall northwest of Georgetown. The prowling male monkeys here have grown expert at manipulating tourists, as they have grown impressive, peanutfueled waistlines. Round the waistlines of their consorts, who swagger ess, are small upside-down bundles of infant monkey.

The monkeys are discriminating eaters, and cannot always be wooed by comestibles that humans have rejected. Pickled nutmeg segments, for example, do not match their tastes.

Such culinary sensitivity is characteristic of Penang, whose food is a form of ethnic self-expression. Its steaming bowls of laksa soup, with tamarind or coconut, its murtabak, a fried Indian pizza, its crabs and

lobsters and its chicken curry kapitan are famous throughout Malaysia.

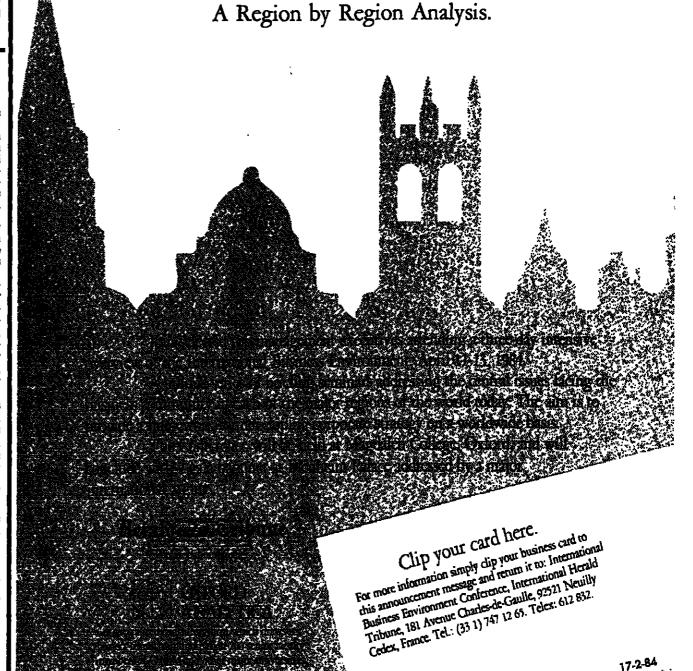
The best place to taste it all is by night on the coastal promenades, by the cannon at Fort Cornwallis and on Gurney Drive. Under the moon, dozens of ambulant tradesmen with stalls on wheels bathe their specialties in floods of neon. They toast squid, they skewer starfruit, they roast corn and sell pond-green Nyonya cakes, the traditional sweetmeats of

Set a little back from the road are permanent stalls, with fine signs They advertise Famous Fish Head Curries, Roasted Duck Porridge and choice of meats: Turtle, Tortoise, Mutton, Frog and Chicken.

Families perch on the breakwater eating, with the waves lapping. It is something of a cultural feast.

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ontainers over a radiator or near a hot air duct s a substitute. This dries out the planting nixture and retards germination.

Check containers daily. If the mixture dries ut a bit, try light misting or set them in a pan f water until the surface is moist. Seedlings eed bright light - ideally in a cool, sunny indow - to develop into healthy, vigorous lants. Begin feeding every other watering with



a dilute solution of water-soluble plant food, taking care not to puddle seedlings. As the herbs grow, pinch them back to encourage

When the danger of frost has passed, gradually condition the herbs to the outdoors but take them back inside at night. At planting time, provide a sunny spot with well-drained soil. Contrary to a widely held belief, herbs do not thrive on impoverished soils. While they are not heavy feeders and will actually suffer from an overly rich diet, a generous application of well-rotted manure or compost worked into the soil before planting will do wonders for

Once the seedlings are established, an occasional top dressing of similar materials or a light feeding with a complete, slow-release fertilizer once every two years will suffice. Herbs are remarkably drought-tolerant once they have settled in. They may require a deep soaking only during periods of prolonged drought. Many gardeners develop a herb garden and segregate it from the rest of their plantings. This is unfortunate as it fails to take full advantage of the ornamental contributions these plants have to offer. All it takes is a little

Try using herbs as ornamentals throughout the garden. You will be pleasantly surprised to discover that such carefree plants are also well suited to the showiest planting designs. And if you decide after a trial they are not the ornamentals for your garden, you can always use most of them at mealtime.

imagination to discover the multitude of uses

Set aside the traditional herb planting arrangements and consider their individual attributes as ornamentals. For example, where soil is shallow and a hot summer sun batters the lawn into submission, consider turning under the grass, working in a bit of compost and planting that spot with one or more of the matforming herbs. A combination of chamomile and thyme can furnish a fragram expanse of green that will thrive in the sun. These herbs can also stand up to a modest amount of foot traffic. If the area is going to be regularly

traversed, install a path of stepping stones through the herb lawn.

Many herbs also offer the advantage of a

distinctive foliage. Caraway and dill have an airy, delicate foliage that provides an unusual counterpoint to the leaves and flowers commonly adorning the plants found in ornamen-tal plantings. The sky-blue blossoms of flax are added inducement to include this herb in a flower border.

Fennel matches the feathery foliage of many annual herbs but augments that beauty with large umbels of bright yellow flowers. It is also better behaved in more formal settings than its self-seeding counterparts.

Germander, hyssop and lavender are evergreen sub-shrubs that can be put to a number of uses. They make excellent, somewhat dimin-utive, clipped borders. Left to grow unrestrained, each will form a handsome specimen, a trait shared with the woody sages. If permitted to flower, they will enhance their bushy forms with flowers of rosy red for germander, blue, pink or white for hyssop and the familiar blue spikes for lavender.

Nasturtiums are a good choice for spots where poor soil and a hot sun make it difficult to cultivate other flowering annuals. Mints colonize wet spots whether in full sun or partial shade. Their diverse textures and scents make distinctive background plantings, but they

Two herbs that stand out for the beauty of their foliage are perilla and rue. The deep purple leaves of perilla liven up a garden, while the steel-blue tints of rue offer sober contrast to more brightly colored plants in a mixed

The delicately cut leaves of most yarrows give them a fernlike appearance frequently missing in a sunny garden. By choosing among the different species, there can be flower clusters of red, pink, yellow or white blooming throughout the hottest days of summer. The finely incised leaves of fern-leaved tansy make it another good choice for that sunny garden where foliar diversity is wanted.

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TECHNOLOGY

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Breakthrough in Steel Processing Expected to Be Boon for Mini-Mills

NEW YORK — The biggest breakthrough in steel technology in decades appears to be in the offing. The prospect strikes fear into the hearts of major U.S. steel companies — but mini-mills, the small steelmakers that use electric farmaces to produce steel from scrap, are rejoicing about it.

The breakthrough, which many analysts say is at most three years away, hinges on improving the process known as continuous easting. It would enable mini-mills to produce a highly profitable product that cannot now make; flat-rolled steel, used in automobiles, appliances. roofing and oil drams.

Continuous casters are machines that shape molten steel directly into semifinished forms, such as slabs, thus climinating the expense of pouring ingots, reheat-ing them and reshaping them into slabs. Since the first domestic mini-

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and small I-beams. And if the mini-mills can produce steel sheet, they can invade the one important haven where the major integrated companies have so far been safe from their onslaught. F. Kenneth Iverson, chief executive officer of Nucor Corp. of Char-

lotte, North Carolina, perhaps the most successful U.S. mini-mill company, predicts that the breakthrough will come in the next three years with the development of continuous casters that can produce semifinished steel slabs only one and a half inches (3.81 centimeters) thick. The thinnest slabs that nonexperimental continuous casters can now

produce are about six inches thick. To transform these slabs into thin sheets often requires a dozen rolling machines, which can cost as much as \$500 million — more finishing equipment than the mini-mills can afford. With one-and-a-half-inch slabs, however, far fewer rolling machines would be needed to reduce them to the thinness of sheet - one-tenth of an inch, for example. Thus, analysts say, a cost-conscious entrepreneur could build a 100,000-ton-a-year mini-mill — electric furnaces and continuous casters, in addition to the rolling mill — for \$200 million or

less. That is a price tag the mini-mill companies can afford.

This means the mini-mills would have to invest \$200 a ton to produce flat-rolled steel, while integrated steelmakers, which make steel from iron ore, coke and limestone, have to invest \$1,500 a ton.

This hage difference in capital costs is just one reason the large steelmakers dread the entry of the mini-mils into the flat-rolled market. Mini-mills have the further advantage of lower transportation costs they are often built near the regional markets they serve - and higher productivity, which is sometimes less than two worker-hours a ton compared with more than six at many integrated mills.

Mr. Iverson, who is monitoring seven experimental programs seeking to develop thin slabs, said he would not consider going into flat-rolled steel unless he thought he could produce it for \$100 a ton, or about 20 percent more cheaply than the integrated companies do.

'Once Every 50 Years'

"It would be revolutionary," he said about the concept of flat-rolling by mini-milks. "It's the type of major development in steel technology that comes along once every 50 years."

Because of Mr. Iverson's enthusiasm, many analysts predict that Nucor will be the first domestic mini-mill to produce flat-rolled steel. Some say Nucor or foreign mini-mills may install this process in the next three

But Joseph Rokop, a Pittsburgh engineer responsible for several breakthroughs in continuous casting, is not so optimistic. He stresses the difficulties involved in producing thin slabs by continuous casting. When the molten steel is very thin, he says, it cools unevenly, causing flaws in

Thus, Mr. Rokop says, despite the cost advantages, once the mini-mills can make flat-rolled steel they will still not be able to steal a large part of this market from the heavyweights immediately. Certainly the first flat-rolled steel they make will not have the smooth

finish or sophisticated coatings to satisfy the demands of the automobile be used for pails and drums or for roofs or decks in housing. But the major steelmakers would know that, as the technology advanced, it would only be a matter of time before the mini-mills started making higher-

"Minis will start small in the flat-rolled market, but they will carve off certain niches within that market," said Louis L. Schorsch, an economist with the Congressional Budget Office and co-anthor of "Steel: Upheaval in a Basic Industry." "That will have a sudden, very strong downward pressure on prices in those product lines, which will make the integrated companies very unhappy.

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Export Rise Helps Lift Bonn GNP

Upturn Said to Be **Increasing Pace**

FRANKFURT - West Germany's economic recovery gained pace in the fourth quarter of 1983, with a 1.5 percent rise in inflationadjusted gross national product,

the Bundesbank said Thursday, The figure, in the central bank's monthly report, compared with no growth in the third quarter of 1983, and makes the outlook for 1984

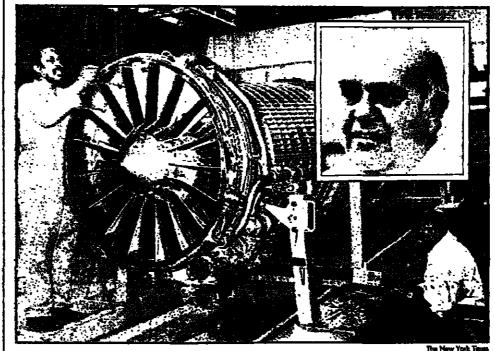
generally optimistic, the bank said. The brightening economic pic-ture was bolstered by a surge in exports late last year. Growing foreign demand for manufactured goods pushed export orders in November and December up 14% percent from the year-earlier level, and 2 percent higher than the previous two months in 1983. Fourth-quarter exports to the United States were 43 percent higher than the vear-earlier level.

Adding to the economic upturn at the end of last year, industries reported a 9 percent rise in domestic orders in November and December from the previous twomonth level. The Bundeshank attributed this to growing confidence in industry as the country pulls out of recession, and improving corporate profits.

In a separate report, the Bundesbank forecast continued export growth. But it warned that foreign demand was partly being fueled by the low position of the Dentsche mark against the dollar and that a reversal of currency trends could undermine West German competitiveness. The dollar, in fact, has ·fallen sharply in recent days.

West Germany has paid dearly measure of the U.S. money supply, for its imports, a third of which are M-1, jumped a revised \$2.5 billion priced in dollars, because of the U.S. currency's strength. The bank said the harmful effect of this was offset by the surge in exports.

GNP rose by a provisional 1.3 percent in the whole of 1983, rather than the 1.2 percent rise reported on the basis of provisional figures by the Federal Statistics Office in mid-January. Higher than estimated production in the final quarter last year could finally push the (Continued on Page 15, Col. 5)



Engine being built at Ohio plant. Inset: Brian H. Rowe, head of GE's engine group.

GE Takes Lead in Military Engines By Winston Williams

New York Times Service

EVENDALE, Ohio - On the eve of the U.S. Air Force's recent announcement of the winner of its "great engine war," Brian H. Rowe, head of General Electric Corp.'s engine group, was too nervous to sleep. After tossing for hours in bed in his hotel room in New York, he got up and watched reruns on early-morning television. It was to be a long day.

At a morning news conference in New York, Mr. Rowe, a senior vice president at GE, announced a new commercial-aviation venture with Rolls-Royce. He then flew back to this Cincinnati suburb to await word of the air force's \$12-billion

reserve accounting reporting period, the Fed said Thursday. The Fed and other factors.

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There were plenty of rumors and they told of a big victory for General Electric. But there was nothing firm until early afternoon. Finally, an Ohio congressman called with the word that GE had gotten 75 percent of the orders. Minutes later, the air force confirmed that news

and Mr. Rowe went to the home of Brian Brinelow, the project manager, where executives of the engine group had a "super" party.

Thus in one day did Mr. Rowe and and his colleagues relive the ups and downs of the grueling

seven-year competition with United Technologies Corp.'s Pratt & Whitney Division, long the dominant supplier of engines for U.S. military aircraft.

Those roles are likely to be reversed now, with (Continued on Page 14, Col. 5)

Fed Says M-1 Jumped \$2.5 Billion in Week

More U.S. Data **Show Expansion Gaining Speed**

By John M. Berry

WASHINGTON - The U.S. economic expansion continued to gather strength in January. Newhousing starts reached their highest level in about five years, personal income rose 1.1 percent and production-capacity use climbed close to pre-recession levels, the government reported Thursday.

The figures confirmed that any

further slowing of the expansion, which some analysts had expected by now, is not likely to occur soon. Economic forecasters now think that the gross national product, adjusted for inflation, is rising more strongly this quarter than the 4.5 percent annual rate of increase recorded in the final three months of

Housing was the surprise among Thursday's reports. The Commerce Department said new private homes were started at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.92 million units last month, a 15 percent jump from the December rate. It was the highest monthly figure since December 1978.

The increase in personal income, also reported by the department, was led by a substantial rise in wages and salaries as both employment and the length of the average work week rose. The 1.1 percent increase matched last October's

gain and followed 0.8 percent increases in both November and De-

But even with the \$30.8-billion increase in personal income, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$2,888.7 billion, consumer spending rose faster, Personal-consumption spending rose 1.2 percent while savings fell.

Separately, the Federal Reserve said that with production rising for more than a year, U.S. factories, mines and utilities last month used 79.9 percent of their operating capacity, the most since September 1981, when the recession was just beginning. The rate was up 0.7 percentage point from December.

Automakers were operating at 83.2 percent of capacity in January, up 1.6 points from December and a huge improvement from rates of 36 percent at the depths of the recession in late 1982.

Martin S. Feldstein, the Council of Economic Advisers chairman, called the unexpectedly strong increase in housing starts "very good news for the economy. It should reassure those who feel that the pace of money growth in 1983 was too slow for sustained recovery."

Many forecasters had been expecting housing starts to remain at about a 1.7-million-unit rate because of continued high interest rates. Mr. Feldstein attributed the strength of housing in the face of high interest rates to several factors, including "consumer confidence, the spread of adjustable-rate mortgages and the decline in monthly mortgage costs due to lower nominal interest rates."

Robert Ortner, chief economist for the Commerce Department, said the figures released Thursday, and those reported earlier on employment and industrial production, indicate that "the fears we heard recently over the continued expansion were greatly exaggerated because the economy is continuing to grow at a very healthy pace."

said weaker economic statistics for December were caused more by the month's harsher weather than by a faltering of the recovery.

tion the previous week. **N.Y. Stocks Decline As Trading Pace Slows**

Fridays,

NEW YORK - Despite a late rebound, the New York Stock Exchange lost ground Thursday in

Apparently unfounded rumors that a huge block of IBM was up for sale triggered some afternoon selling, along with brokers de-manding more cash from investors who bought stocks on credit.

The deteriorating situation in Lebanon and uncertainty about what Israel might do now that the Gemeyal government has run into deep trouble also restrained many

The Dow Jones industrial average, down 10 at midafternoon after losing 5.13 Wednesday, fell another 3.77 to 1.154.94, not far from Monday's 10-month low of 1,150.13. Declines led advances 907-652 among the 1,986 issues traded.

Big Board volume dropped to 81.7 million shares from the 94.9 million shares Wednesday as many investors waited for the Federal Reserve's latest money-supply fig-

Government reports added to the argument the economy is growing at a faster pace than in 1983's fourth quarter and that that would assure the Fed would not ease credit to drive interest rates lower.

Prices plunged at midafternoon amid a flurry of rumors and "this shows just how nervous the market is at this time," said Hildegarde Zagorski of Prudential-Bache Se-

Warner Expects To Post Profit

NEW YORK - Warner Communications Inc. said Thursday that it expects to report a fourth-quarter profit of about \$5 million and a full-year loss of about \$420 million for

It said it does not expect substantial quarterly earnings until the fourth quarter of 1984. In last year's fourth quarter, Warner earned about \$33 mil-lion, For all 1982 it had net income of \$257.8 million. Fourth-quarter revenue was

off about \$100 million from the vear-earlier \$1.16 billion, it sais. Fell-year revenue was off about 15 percent from \$4.1 billion in

Gulf Oil, a 1% loser Wednesday was second, off 1% to 54. A federal judge has denied a Gulf plea for an unction to block a takeover bid by Mesa Petroleum's chairman, T. Boone Pickens Jr., and associates.

Atlantic Richfield, which has held informal talks with both Gulf and Mesa, added % to 44% and Mesa stock is to 1514.

Republic Steel lost 1 to 20% and LTV Corp. rose 12 to 17%. Republic plunged 6 Wednesday after the Jus-The new AT&T stock was the nice Department objected to the most active NYSE-listed issue, up merger of the two companies. (Stotice Department objected to the

Honda Sees BL Accord Soon, Mulls U.K. Motorcycle Plant

Japan said Thursday it would sign a detailed agreement by the end of next month with BL PLC, the British auto maker, on the production of a new car, It also said it plans a feasibility study on a possible motorcycle plant in Britain.

Last year Honda and BL signed a provisional agreement to jointly design and develop a new car, inline at the lower end of the execu-

A spokesman for the Japanese and Ford will discuss details, inauto maker said Thursday that the cluding the number and types of ear, dubbed the "XX" will be bigger than Honda's 1.8-litre Accord but smaller than BL's laguar. The state-controlled British company has been making the Acclaim, a 1.3-litre model, under license from

TOKYO-Honda Motor Co. of torcycle maker and already has two motorcycle plants in Europe, one in Beigium, which produces 50-cc machines, and another in Italy, where 125-cc models are assembled. Honda exported 80,000 motor-

cycles to Britain last year, the Separately, Yamaha Motor Co.

of Japan said Thursday it signed a provisional agreement to supply tended to replace BL's aging Rover Ford Motor Co. with car engines or engine parts on a long-term basis. Under the agreement, Yamaha

> agreement by the end of the year, a Yamaha spokesman said. Ford owns 25 percent of Toyo Kogyo, Japan's third-largest auto maker, which is supplying diesel engines to Ford.

ston & Co., said.

The figures reflect the Fed's new the market, especially if the econo- line with its new so-called contemmy continues to accelerate." benchmark, which includes figures Market participants fear that if from smaller banks that do not the economy continues to grow at report every week. It also includes seasonal adjustments that the Fed makes periodically in an attempt to smooth out bulges due to tax dates But even allowing for the adjust-

ments, money growth is stronger than expected, David M. Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lan-"This week's \$532.9 billion puts

billion in the week ended Feb. 6. M-1 growth near the upper end of the Fed's target for growth," Mr. Jones said. "It raises the red flag for Tuesday-through-Monday week in to be a difficult one."

its current pace — at a 6 percent annual rate, Mr. Jones believes any surge in money growth will prompt the Fed to pull in the rems on a potential resurgence of infla-

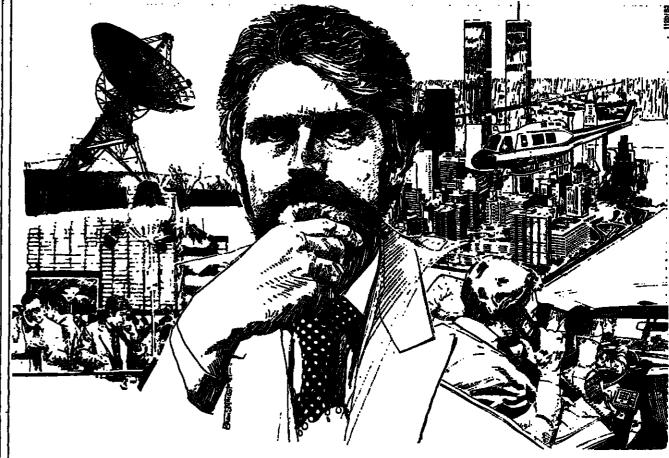
William N. Griggs, principal in Griggs & Santow Inc., said "the important thing at this stage is to avoid jumping to conclusions about what the data are telling us about Fed policy."

The Fed began reporting on a and the month of February "is sure

poraneous reserve accounting method. This put the period for calculating reserves at one week ending the previous Wednesday instead of two weeks under the old The new system forces banks to

hold reserves more closely in line with deposits and will theoretically give the Fed better control of money supply. Mr. Griggs said the new report-

Mr. Ortner and other economists ing will complicate life for the Fed, the market and the analysts,"



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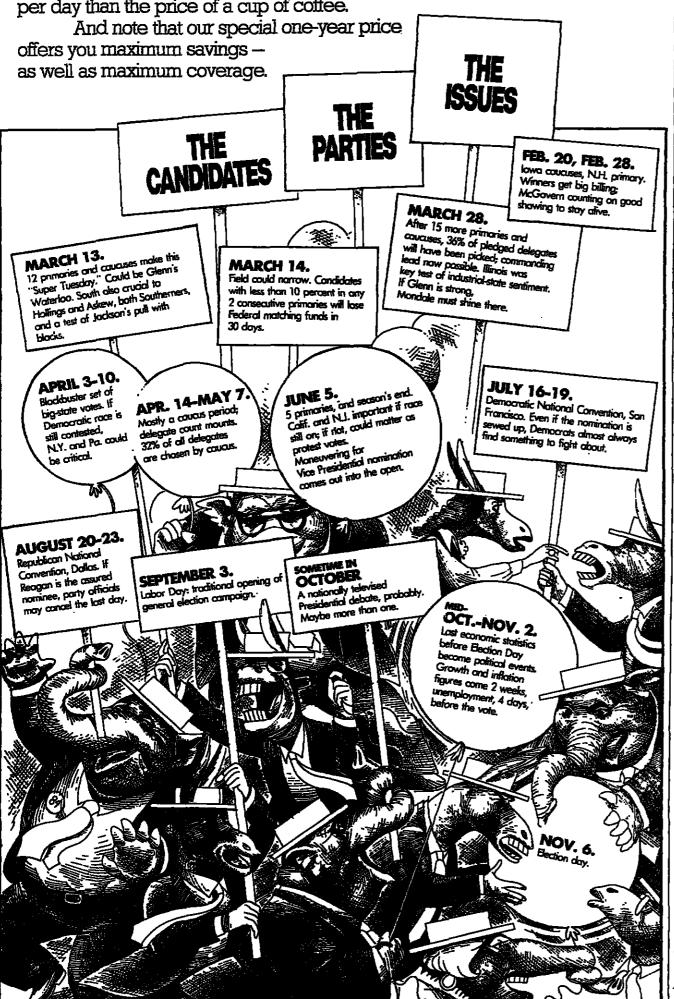
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U.K. Plans Tight Rein On Spending

LONDON — The government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher announced plans Thorsday to keep state spending firmly in check in the next three years, in line with Mrs. Thatcher's monetarist

Spending by the Conservative government should rise from £120 billion (\$173 billion) to £136 billion by 1987 but in fact remain broadly constant after allowing for inflation, the government said in a po-

licy paper.
Peter Rees, deputy finance minister, said that, as a share of the national wealth, public spending will actually fall as Britain comes out of the recession, providing scope for eventual cuts in personal and corporate taxes.

Commentators said Mrs. Thatcher's commitment to keep state spending in check would go some way toward reassning Con-servative supporters eager to see the state's role in British life re-

Since she took office in 1979. state spending has risen from 40 percent to 43 percent of gross domestic product, largely under the pressure of higher military spending and welfare payments to the unemployed, but it is expected to fall to 42 percent of GDP in 1984-

exchequer, has already signaled that there will be no tax cuts in his March 13 budget for the financial year that starts in April. The government expects to reap £5.9 billion in the next three years

Nigel Lawson, chancellor of the

from sales of state industries to private investors, the policy paper said. British Telecom and British Airways are due for this so-called privatization in 1984-85.

Planned spending on the milifrom previous forecasts for 1985- tor, the group said.



Nigel Lawson

86, but the government said it was fulfilling its commitment to meet the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's ann of 3 percent annual growth, after inflation, in military

The military budget includes £1.68 billion over the three years through 1986-87 to meet extra costs relating to the Falkland Islands.

January Vehicle Output Flat in West Germany

FRANKFURT --- West German vehicle production held steady in January around the average monthly level of the final quarter of 1983, although daily car output was 15 percent higher than it had been in January 1983, the German Auto Industry Association said Thurs-

January production totaled 389,400 — 363,600 of which were cars and 25,800 commercial vehicles. In January 1983, output of cars was 301,800 and of commercial vehicles 23,300. The increase in commercial-vehicle production tary has been cut by £300 million came mainly in the small-van sec-

Portable Computer & SINE Readied by IBM

By David E. Sanger New York Tunes Service . . .

NEW YORK - International Business Machines Corp. will market its first portable computer within a month, according to dealers who said they were have been nonfied to expect the machine.

Details of the portable, which would mark a significant addition to IBM's line of home and personal computers, were sketchy. The re-tailers, who refused to be identified because IBM made them agree not to disclose the existence of the machine, said they received the notification on Monday.

An IBM spokesman said Wednesday night, "We neither confirm nor deny reports of this kind that speculate on future prodnci announcements."

The dealers said they expected the new computer to sell for about \$3,000. Industry sources predicted it will be 25-pound (11.25-kilogram) transportable computer that an run virtually all the programs designed for the IBM Personal

The move appears to confront several of IBM's newest competitors, which have made a place in the portable computer market that IBM has shied away from

The hardest hit may be Compaq Computer Corp., a two-year-old company that had \$111 million in revenue last year. It has a very popular IBM-compatible portable that can fit under an airplane seat. Compan's basic machine is priced at \$3,000 with one floopy disk drive, and one dealer said, "IBM plans to put that price under con-

siderable pressure." "It's a very aggressive move on IBM's part and a way of generating excitement by announcing several products in quick succession," said Stephen P. Cohen, a vice president also believed to be developing—the Hong Mc of Gartner Group, a research group very lightweight "lap model" pure warmen for Hong I table computer.

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has the game may be ending.

But Rod Carnon, Compa sident and chief executive, s Wednesday, "We definitely the "I'd this is something, we can weath "He said;" and weather very well." He said; company was partly protect product, the Compaq Phs., with the compaq Phs., with the compaq Phs., with the compact of the co to store much larger amounts complex information. He said of orecess Uldid not believe it likely that if the complex would offer a hand disk, at least 153.70 initially.

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Air Force Pact Gives GE Military-Engine Lead

GE taking the lead in the next few years. The air force's surprising de-cision, initially for 120 GE F-110 engines valued at \$500 million, is potentially valued at \$5 billion to \$9 billion if the one-year order to supply engines for General Dynamics' F-16 fighter is renewed in subsequent years.

A few days after the air force announcement, the Navy dropped the other shoe, saying that it intends to switch from Pratt & Whitney to GE engines to power Grumman's F-14 Torncat, the Navy's on the F-15. top-ranked lighter. GE also has the order to supply the engines for 50 B-I bombers.

This moves GE very firmly into the lead as far as military engines. are concerned," said Wolfgang Devst at Hitst Boston. He and other GE watchers ness. ive much of the credit to Mr. Rowe, 52, who applied many commercial manufacturing and marketing techniques to the company's military business.

"Brian was sent in to oversee the commercial side and to make sure the military business didn't continue to slip away," Mr., Demisch con-

Taking away the P-14 and F-16 business, Mr. Rowe says, required long work and close attention to what Pratt was doing. GE insists that it chose a drastic and effective overhaul of its manufacturing process rather than intense congressional and Pentagon lobbying as the way to win the military-engine con-

questions concerning its engines. The air force was having severe has paid a high pr

ESCORTS & GUIDES.

"The longer it took them to correct the problem, the longer we hung in there," Mr. Rowe said. "They started a political campaign to end the competition rather than fix their planes. Pratt maintains, however, that its

engine troubles have been corrected. As evidence, the company better," Mr. Rowe argues. "You points to the recent order by the air

Under Mr. Rowe's direction, the tition from Pratt, GE's commergine in a costly effort to cut do company has been investing \$100 cial-engine business, however, is on noise and fuel consumption crown the company has been investing \$100 cial-engine business, however, is on noise and fuel consumption to the consumption of the consumption The results can be seen in the

sophisticated six-year-old computer system that monitors flight simulations at the Evendale plant. The system reduces the need for technicians from four to one.

And huge overhead cranes have been installed at Evendale that suspend engines from the ceiling, reducing the need for lifting and turning during assembly. A plant in Wilmington, North Carolina, that had made nuclear-reactor parts was converted to make rotating en-

gine parts.
"GE paid a lot more attention to the nuts and bolts of low-cost manufacturing," said First Boston's Mr. Demisch. "They're probably the lowest-cost manufacturer."

But at about the same time, Pratt
was running into serious quality
The division's experience in sales to private companies has helped its marketing to the Pen

points from its profit margins. GE also offered the air force a

1.000-hour warranty, the first of its type on a military engine. And it agreed to let the air force go directly to its suppliers for spare parts, cutting GE out of some of the lucrative replacement business.

"These are incentives to us to do don't get anything for nothing in this life." He is sanguine at this

> accounts for 60 percent of the plosion in Defense Department spending and strong exports.

The strength on the military side is quite recent. In fact, the outlook as pretty dismal in the late 1970s. GE had placed much of its hopes for military business on supplying the engine for Rockwell's B-I bomber, and the company was left in the lunch when the Carter administration canceled the project, which was later restored by the Reagan administration. Earlier in Carter administration. Earlier in Carter in Carter in Carter in Carter administration. Earlier in Carter administration canceled the project, which was later restored by the Carter administration in Carter administration in Carter administration in Carter administration in Carter administration canceled the project, which was later restored by the Carter administration canceled the project, which was later restored by the Carter administration in Carter administration canceled the project, which was later restored by the Carter administration in Cart

Japanese Steel Exports Rise

TOKYO - Japanese steel exports rose 8.6 percent in 1983 to 32.01 million metric tons, from

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the F-16 and McDonnell Douglas's
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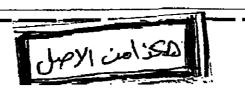
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nler-Benz Sales Increase 2.5%: pany Profits Called 'Satisfactory'

TGART (Reuters) - Daimler-Benz AG said Thursday it posted ctory" profit last year as world group sales rose 2.5 percent to m Deutsche marks (\$14.8 billion).

no details of profits, or dividend prospects. Daimler increased up net profit to 921 million DM from 826 million DM the year and raised its dividend to 10.5 DM from 10, as well as 1-DM bonus.

I said a strong level of output-capacity use, an increase in ideis' share of total sales and a favorable exchange rate all aided esults. However, lower capacity use in the commercial-vehicles i stiff competition over prices and conditions in many markets arden on profits last year, Daimler said.

nz Foresees Unchanged Dividend

CH (Reuters) - Allianz Versicherungs AG foresees an un-10-Deutsche-mark (\$3.70) dividend on 1983 results despite a e to 500.4 million DM from 417 million DM carly last year, the board chairman, Wolfgang Schieren, said Thursday.
ed domestic group profit in 1983 satisfactory but declined to

Is. Allianz domestic group net rose 37 percent in 1982 to 254.8 M from 184.9 million DM the previous year, Mr. Schieren said. group premium income rose 10 percent to a provisional 15.3 M, of which the domestic group accounted for 8.4 billion DM, 1.9 billion DM in 1982.

rische Vereinsbank Raises Profit

CH (Reuters) — Bayerische Vereinsbank AG had a 20 percent in operating profit at the parent bank last year, Dietrich ; a managing board director, said Thursday.

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it giving precise figures for profits or forecasting the dividend, hofer said shareholders could expect to benefit from the imit. For 1982 the bank paid a dividend of 10 DM a share and for

y Kong Telephone Profit Rises

KONG (Renters) — Hong Kong Telephone reported Thurs-net profit rose 38 percent to 403.3 million Hong Kong dollars Ilion) from 290.6 million Hong Kong dollars in 1982. The announced a final dividend of 115 cents, up from 105 cents. mpany said shareholders who decided to accept an offer for ings from Cable & Wireless PLC are not entitled to the final for 1983 or a 3-for-20 bonus issue. Hong Kong Telephone has s holders to consider retaining their shares rather than to accept al offer by the British telecommunications concern. ecently offered 46 Hong Kong dollars a share and 41.6 Hong

Iars per warrant for Hong Kong Telephone shares it did not wn. The British company said it now holds a 52.4 percent stake

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(Renters) - French unemployment rose 0.8 percent to a / adjusted 2,135,600 in January from 2,118,600 in December was up 5.7 percent from January 1983, the government said

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O (Reuters) — Toyota Motor Corp. said Thursday its total ports fell to 128,629 in January from 142,818 in December and vear carlier.

orts to the United States rose 1.2 percent to 53,097 from a year - hile shipments to the European Community fell 0.1 percent to

ssan Motor Co. said its total vehicle exports rose to 147,106 in rom 93,855 in December and 122,495 a year earlier. Its exports itsed States fell 2.8 percent to 45,350 from a year earlier, while the EC rose 82.7 percent to 54,829, reflecting shipping delays in

Il Crown, Chesapeake to Merge

y a group of Royal Crown officers has agreed to support the ike merger. A battle for Royal Crown developed last month company announced it had reached an agreement to merge with . Holding in a leveraged buyout for \$37 a share.

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Hong Kong Clears Plan For Financial Futures

By Dinah Lee

International Herald Tribune HONG KONG - Hong Kong anthorities have resolved the initial obstacles to setting up a financialfutures market in the colony, Robert Fell, the commissioner for securities and commodities trading, said Thursday.

Mr. Fell said that his office intended to recommend to the government that a Hong Kong Futures Exchange be formed to govern all futures trading, including contracts now traded by the Hong Kong Commodities Exchanges and a proposed contract on the Hang Seng Index of stock prices. Other types of financial-futures contracts might follow later, he said.

Under the recommendations, the Hong Kong Futures Exchange would, in effect, be a re-vamped version of the commodities exchanges, using existing facilties and clearing systems. But the restructured exchange would allow banks as trading and board members. Banks are currently barred from the commodities exchanges.

Mr. Fell said the transitional work might take two to three months, but could not say when trading would begin.

Mr. Fell had been reviewing since last June two proposals for a local financial-futures market. One came from the six-year-old Hong Kong Commodities Exchanges, which trades cotton, sugar, soy-beans and gold. The other was drawn up by a consortium of 10 local and foreign banks, led by Wardley Ltd., a unit of Hongkong

& Shanghai Banking Corp. The Hong Kong Commodities Exchanges proposed a single con-tract based on the Hang Seng In-Seng Index and Hong Kong dollar year ago.

time-deposit interest rates, to be followed by yen, Eurodollar and Deutsche mark contracts.

The formation of a new exchange would effectively rerminate the role of Seacom Holdings, the private company that launched commodities trading in Hong Kong in 1976.

The banking consortium had earlier recommended that any new financial-futures exchange be es-tablished independently of the Hong Kong Commodities Exchanges as a non-profit organization. As operator of commodities exchanges, Seacon Holdings earns profit on traded contracts.

Restructuring the commodities without Seacom participation appears to be a compromise between the two competing groups. Both the commodities exchange and the Wardley consortium lent their full support Thursday to the commis sioner's recommendations.

Schmidt to Leave BanCal Tri-State

SAN FRANCISCO - In a surprise move, Chauncey E. Schmidt has announced that he plans to resign as head of BanCal Tri-State Corp. after its merger with Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. is completed this

Mr. Schmidt, 52, who owns about 4 percent of BanCal's stock, also said Wednesday that he would step down immediately as chairman and chief executive officer of BanCal's principal subsidiary, Bank of California.

Mr. Schmidt was succeeded at the bank by Ross Williams, 56, a dex. The consortium proposed a 17-year employee who became package of contracts on the Hang president of Bank of California a

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As the Redemption Date, which is April 15, 1984, falls on Sunday, pursuant to the Section 113 of the Indenture, payment of the interest, principal and premium or conversion of the Debentures may be made on the next Business Day, which is April 16, 1984, with the same force and effect as if made on the Redemption Date.

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any of the Paying Agents.

For the information of the Debentureholders, the reported closing prices of the shares of Common Stock of the Company on the Tokyo Stock Exchange during the period from February 1, 1984 to February 14, 1984 ranged from the high of ¥328 to the low of ¥318 per share. The reported closing price of such shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on February 14, 1984 was ¥318 per share.

Dated: February 17, 1984

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Japan Relaxes Rules on Testing

Foreign Goods

TOKYO - Japan, bowing to strong pressure from the United States and Europe, relaxed rules Thursday on the testing of some foreign products before they can be sold in Japan.

Ministry of Trade and Industry officials said Japan would accept foreign laboratories' tests on electrical goods, chemicals and some other products instead of asking companies to pay for Japanese officials to go abroad to do the tests. "It is a small step, but it

meets some of the complaints leveled at Japanese testing pro-cedures by the United States and Europe," said Nobuya Noguchi, director of inspections at the ministry.

The new rules will not cover automobiles, drugs and food products, which have caused the loudest Western com-

Mr. Noguchi said the rules would help foreign companies trying to break into Japan's market for electrical appli-ances, valued at about 3,000 billion yen (\$128 million) a year. Western diplomats said it was too early to tell how much effect the change would have.

Bonn Posts Rise in GNP

(Continued from Page 13) 1983 rate towards 1.5 percent, the Bundesbank said.

Including seasonal adjustments, the Bundesbank calculated GNP rose about 3½ percent between the 1982 and 1983 fourth quarters. Demand in the construction sec-

tor for private homes remained high at the end of last year, the Bundesbank said, although the recent rise has flattened out. In the public sector, it noted a marked increase in contracts awarded last

Although consumer demand continued to rise in the last quarter of 1983, the Bundesbank said this did not play a significant role in the brighter, fourth-quarter picture. Net disposable income increased 2 percent. 4 percent above the yearearlier period, the bank said.

West Germany's current account surplus has tended to narrow since the spring of 1982, the Bundesbank said. The current account in the fourth quarter of 1983 showed a seasonally adjusted 2-billion-DM surplus. This compares with a 4.62-billion-DM surplus in the year-earlier quarter --

The current account is a broad measure that includes trade in merchandise and nonmerchandise

Since the deficit on services and transfers will grow with economic improvement, the trade surplus must rise to secure a balanced current account, the Bundesbank said.

The country's trade surplus shrank to 3.5 billion DM in the fourth quarter from the 11.5 billion DM surplus in the year-earlier period, the bank said.

U.S. Steel Firms' Strategy in Doubt Opposition to Merger May Force Industry to Check Options

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- Steel industry analysts and executives say that the Justice Department's decision to oppose the merger of Republic Steel Corp. and LTV Corp. would push the ailing U.S. steel industry toward such alternatives as joint ventures, swapping mills or mergers with foreign steelmakers to become more competitive.

At the same time, officials from Republic, the fourth-largest U.S. steel company, and LTV, the par-ent of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., the third largest, said they would seek to discuss with the Justice Department ways to restructure the merger so it would fall within federal antitrust guidelines.

The analysts, who originally predicted the Justice Department would approve the merger, said Wednesday that the industry's stepped-up efforts to limit imports had probably helped turn the department against the proposed merger. Limitations on imports would give the huge companies resulting from such mergers more

power to dictate prices, they said. They also said the recent proposal of U.S. Steel Corp., the nation's largest steelmaker, to acquire National Steel Corp. had added to the negative sentiment and said Wednesday's announcement indicated that that combination would be rejected as well.

Without a merger, several analysts predicted, Republic, which had a \$326-million loss last year, could have a hard time remaining competitive and even surviving.

Analysts viewed the proposed Republic-LTV merger as part of a long-term restructuring in which nies might suggest that they sell off reeling from worldwide overcapacity and competition from low-cost mini-mills and growing imports -is trying to remain competitive by cutting costs and overcapacity. Even if the merger does not go through, analysts said, the indus-

"Since large United States steel companies are less likely to be able to buy other U.S. steel companies," said Robert W. Crandall, an analyst with the Brookings Institution, there's a good chance that foreign buyers may come in to buy part of a company, as Nisshin did with Wheeling-Pittsburgh, or buy certain or all of a company's steel

assets.

try's restructuring is expected to

The two companies said the merger would have allowed them to achieve \$300 million a year in operating efficiencies, thus enabling them to compete better. J. Paul McGrath, head of the Antitrust Division, said, however, that some efficiencies could be achieved without a merger, for example by swapping plants. He said that there was no basis for the other efficiencies that the companies said they expected to achieve.

Mr. McGrath said the proposed merger would create too much con-centration in two markets: flatrolled steel and stainless steel. Company officials said they would meet with the Justice Department next week to discuss ways to "reconcile" their desire for a merger with the department's objections.

One executive who asked not to be identified said the two compathe domestic industry — which is a few flat-rolled mills to reduce market share in that area.

Gene R. Corbets, a Republic spokesman, and Julian Scheer, an LTV representative, said their companies had not yet decided whether to submit the merger proposal to their shareholders and risk a court fight if they could not come to an agreement with the Justice Depart-

Spokesmen from U.S. Steel and National Intergroup Inc., the parent company of National Steel, refused to comment on how the Justice Department's decision would affect their companies' plans. Some analysts predicted that the decision would prompt U.S. Steel to withdraw its offer for National Steel.

Donald Barnett, a steel economist with the World Bank, said that streamlining and modernizing plants was now a more likely solu-tion to the problems of the domestic industry, which has had total losses of more than \$5 billion during the last two years. "Whether Republic or LTV merge or not, they're going to have to reduce capacity," he said, adding that they would have to restructure by be said, adding that they changing product mix.

"It's a nasty surprise for Republic because they were depending on this merger for their future," said David B. Healy, an analyst with Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. "Their efforts to find a way to get back in the black on their own may mean taking a foreign partner, closing some plants or bringing in some

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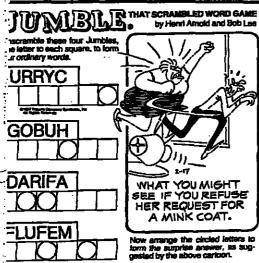
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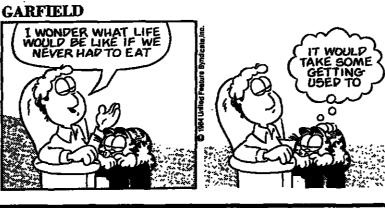
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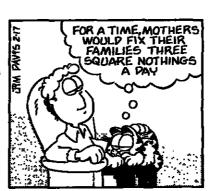
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FLY AWAY HOME

By Marge Piercy. 446 pp. \$16.95. Summit Books, 1230 Ave. of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10020.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

I N her novels ("Small Changes," "Vida," "Braided Lives," among others), Marge Piercy often seems intriguing, if only because. despite her ideological cast as an advocate of the counterculture, she now and then creates certain characters who take on independent life and go off in directions of their own.

But this is never even for an instant a problem in Piercy's latest novel," Fly Away Home." an ideological potboiler about a woman named Daria Walker who discovers the emptiness of her upwardly mobile middle-class-marriage to an ambitious Boston lawyer and who ends up living with "The People" in a working-class neighborhood. The People are females, children, ethnics, pet animals, and a black homosexual. Their enemies are Brahmins, bankers, WASPs, anyone who strives for membership in the elite, and people who say such subtle things to Puerto Ricans as, "Oh, I adore Puerto Rico. It's my old stomping grounds. My husband and I used to fly down in February and stay at the Americana. Or the El San Juan." I offer these identifications not because of any meaning they may have, but only because they are the labels Piercy has pasted all over her untidy package.

Indeed, the most serious problem I had with "Fly Away Home" was the degree of sympathy I felt for the moustache-twirling archyillain of the story, Daria's husband. Ross Walker. He's married to a woman so stupid that all she suspects at first is that he is cheating on her when in fact there is all sorts of evidence crashing in on her that he's buying up slum properties in poor neighborhoods, gouging higher rents from their tenants, letting them deteriorate and even occasionally having the torch put to them. He's being picketed by people carrying signs that say "Slumlord" and "Murderer." He's receiving mysterious phone calls that provoke him to shout out furious

But all dumb Daria suspects is that he's keeping some doxy on the side. The first time she encounters the pickets in front of her husband's office building she has the following dialogue with him:

She: "Ross, is it some case you're involved in? These pickets?"

He: "That's it. Some petty case. Forget about it. It'll all blow over in a day or two.".

Worse, poor Ross even has the author plotting against him, and, believe me, when Marge Piercy plots a plot that plot stays plotted. Ross is so woodenly awful, so incarnately evil, that it's impossible to believe he was ever a loveable husband to Daria or an idealistic young lawyer who once worked for the antipoverty program. As Daria says of his life when it finally dawns on her that he really means to leave her, "It's a cliche come to life." But if that's so, then what does that make Daria? Too dead even to realize she's been cohabiting with a cliche.

The one virtue of the way "Fly Away Home" has been put together is that it makes for extremely fast reading. You have to race like the wind if only to catch up with what you know almost from the start is going to happen — that Daria will join the tenants' group that has been agitating against her husband, that she's going to fall in love with one of its leaders. who'll prove that sex among The People is better than sex with uptight elitists, and that sooner or later, when the fight over their divorce settlement gets nasty enough, Ross will wind up setting fire to the very house he used to live in with Daria.

What's more, you don't really have to read through the individual scenes to get their meaning. All you have to do is figure out what tag to put on them. When Daria draws upon her skills as a professional cookbook writer to prepare a meal for some of Ross's clients, it is not the content of the scene that matters, but merely the label that advertises it as unawakened woman trying to nurture an unapprecia-tive husband. When Ross is finally brought to trial for his involvment with arson, and Daria's older daughter, Robin, expresses her sense of conflicted loyalty, it is not really out of concern for Robin that Daria reminds herself not to interfere; it is simply to advertise the liberated woman's true nobility.

When Daria discovers at the climax of the trial that she will "never enter Ross's consciousness and understand," "She felt as if she had been climbing an enormous mountain for months only to find at the top not the view she had imagined but simply fog and swirling clouds and rocks beneath her feet. No long view of the terrain covered would ever open

This is not any truth that Piercy is vouchsafing us; it is nothing but an admission that she herself doesn't understand why people become corrupt. Her ideological reflexes will not allow her that insight.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

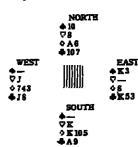
ON the diagramed deal, South found a way to make an "unmakeable" game with some help from the opposition. At first it seemed that he would rest quietly in one heart, but East reopened with one spade on the assumption that North-South could not make a game. But one should not confuse the improbable with the impossible, as one of P.G. Wodehouse's characters used to say, and South arrived in four hearts. His final bid was distinctly aggressive, but not as much as might appear: He was using a form of the Precision System, and North's the position was: first-round pass would have been slightly stronger than it

could be in standard methods. When the dummy appeared. South no doubt regretted his optimism. Even given a normal trump split, he seemed doomed to lose two club tricks, a diamond and a spade. But he had some immediate help from the defense. When the club queen was led. East failed to encourage, playing the deuce. When South ducked, West When South ducked, West probably should have continWest for the exact distribution

ued with the suit anyway, but he shifted to the spade ace. He continued with the spade jack and the contract was now un-beatable if the right play is found — a fact that is far from obvious even with all the cards in view.

South found the winning plan, although he mistimed the play slightly. After ruffing the spade jack, he cashed the heart ace and led to the queen. He then made the key play of leading a diamond to the ten. When West won with the

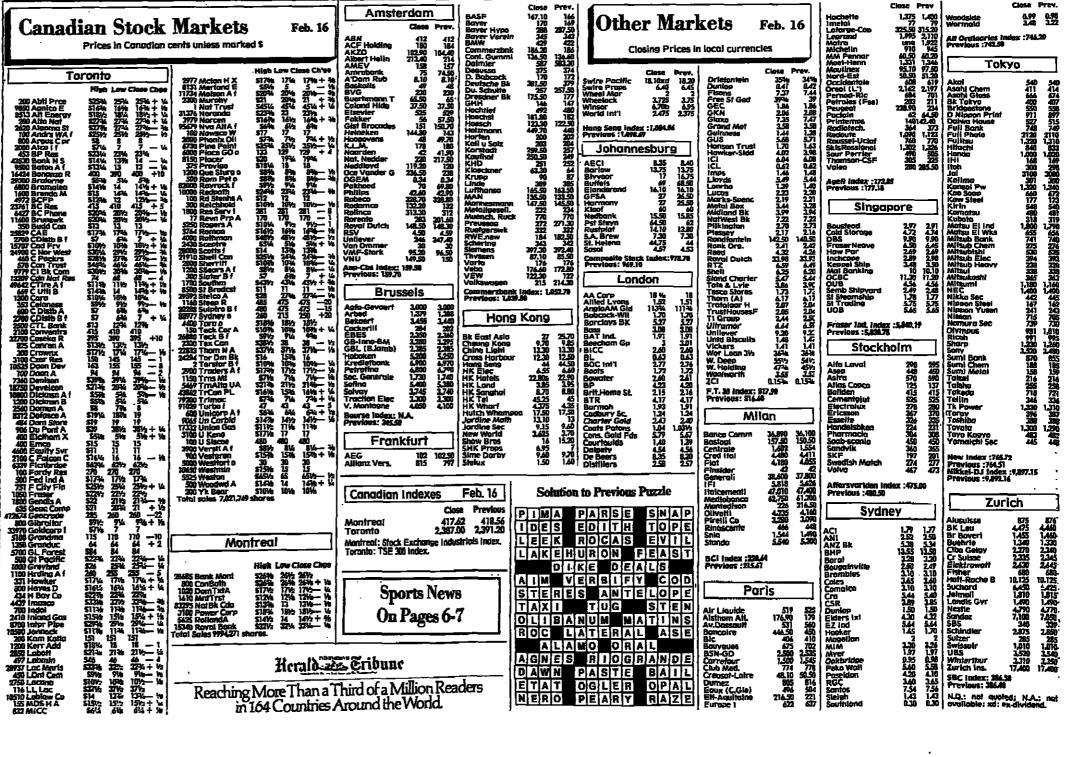
queen, he missed his chance to lead his last trump and led an other spade. South ruffed and



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he held: an original threethree-four-three. He played three more rounds of diamonds, throwing a club from the dummy. West had to fol-low suit and South could now cash the club ace and ruff a club. The heart king was still available to win the last trick over West's jack.

The mistiming consisted in cashing the heart ace before leading to the queen. Without that play. West would have had no opportunity to remove dummy's last trump.



OBSERVER

On a Grouchiness Binge

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Every few months I like to go on a grouchiness binge. It irritates people. "Why don't you do like every-body else and go in for alcohol, drugs or sex?" they demand. Because I prefer grouchiness, that's

I don't carry it to excess, but if I can have an uninterrupted threeday grouch two or three times a year, life seems a little more tolerable. For those three days I refuse

ever to smile or cheer up. For those three days when someone greets me with a casual, "How are you?" I answer, "Rotten." If someone says, "Let's have lunch some time," I say, "Why?" If the telephone rings and a voice says, "Will you hold, please for Mister Success?" I say, "No." and hang

After that I'm ready to participate again in the social fictions, pretending to feel fine, pretending not to know that I bore people who say. "Let's have lunch sometime." choking back the envy and malice I feel toward Mister Success.

For reasons that make no sense, though. Americans hate to see a fellow enjoying a bit of grouchiness. Last month, while seeking grouchy relief. I was incessantly badgered by meddlers.

Smile, they insisted, "Cheer up," they demanded. "Don't you know it's wonderful just to be alive?" they asked.

When you are deep in a good grouch, the absurdity of this question becomes too obvious. Considering the alternative, of course, it's wonderful just to be alive. But wouldn't it be more wonderful if you didn't have to smile and act cheered up in order to reassure the rest of humanity that you appreciated not being dead?

Apparently not, if I judge correctly by the number of persons who recoiled in shock when I snarled, "I am having a splendid time feeling grouchy this week, and I am sick and tired of smiling, and sick and tired of other people smiling, especially politicians who have

the atom bomb at their disposal." Being sick and tired of almost everything is characteristic of a

and tired is to grouchiness what rum is to a Caribbean vacation; you can't get in the mood without

I was sick and tired of January and sick and tired of February following January year after year like famine and pestilence following war. I was sick and tired of football and sick and tired of football being followed by ice hockey and basketball as pestilentially as February followed January.

There was another presidential campaign looming, and I was sick and tired of presidential campaigns, presidential candidates, nis, images, pollsters, anaysts, pundits, make-up men, charisma, the Iowa caucus, the New Hampshire primary, speech writ-ers, fund raisers and the League of Women Voters.

I was sick and tired of everything except being sick and tired of it all, which I enjoyed immensely. I was especially sick and even tireder of the tyrants of English usage who said it was illiterate to say "tireder." Because, you see, I was determined to let the world know that, sick and tired as I was of almost everything. I was even sick-er and tireder of people interrupting my grouch with commands to

What has happened to tolerance in the United States? The catalog of things we now tolerate is hair-raising. We tolerate filthy movies, "Truly Tasteless Jokes," the destruction of the telephone company, prime-time television, statesmen who don't know where Albania is, 13 percent mortgage rates and defense-industry crooks who charge us \$9,000 for an 11-cent piece of hardware.

Why can we not tolerate a person whose only wish is to enjoy a three-day respite from smiles? Can it be that we all, collectively, fear the contagion this fellow may spread? Yes, it is terrible to imagine the

consequences of 150 million Americans all simultaneously enjoying a three-day grouch. Of such stuff are

My own grouchiness passed weeks ago. How do I feel? Fine. Lunch some time? Let's do that one of these days. Hold for Mister Success? Ah, well, he can't help being a

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Success, Oblivion in the Screen Trade

By Aljean Harmetz New York Times Service

TOS ANGELES - The wages of screenwriting in Hollywood are mon-

ey and oblivion. Actors get notoriety and adoration. Directors get retrospectives and long obituaries. Producers get sexual favors and the ability to spend conspicuously on large yachts and beige tennis courts. Screenwriters rarely even get mentioned in the re-

Julius J. Epstein has written 50 movies in the past 50 years. He has been nominated for three Academy Awards and won once. Like many people who live in the summerparched Los Angeles canyons, he has also been burned out once — in the November fire of 1963. He was always known as a great dialogue man and when he watched his two-story house being destroyed on local television, he rose to the occasion. "Well, we always wanted a one-story house," he said.

But despite the jokes about screenwriters, a surprising number have survived from those early days to enliven a Hollywood quite different from the one they first knew as \$50-a-week junior writers. Epstein is a quintessential Hollywood survivor. For example, his Academy Award came in 1943 for "Casablanca," written with his identical twin brother, Philip, and Howard Koch. Forty years later, he is basking in praise for his latest movie, "Reuben, Reuben," Us is recorded. ben." He is prouder, much prouder, of "Reuben, Reuben."

"There wasn't one moment of reality in 'Casablanca,' " he says, "We weren't making art. We were making a living. Movies in those days were prevented from reality. Every leading man had to be a great sexual athlete. Every boy and girl had to 'meet cute' and the girl had to dislike the hero when they met. If a woman committed adultery, she had to die. God said, 'Get that woman!' Now the woman who commits adultery is your heroine."

"Reuben, Reuben," which stars Tom Conti as a self-destructive Scottish poet with bad teeth cutting a sexual swath through the Connecticut countryside, is, says Epstein, his "finest piece of screenwriting, the most adult film I've written, and with no concession to any so-called box-office value."

Like almost all of Epstein's screenplays, "Reuben, Reuben," which was directed by Robert Ellis Miller, is an adaptation, in this case of a 1964 Peter De Vries novel. "I found out early the grief of having your material tampered with," he says. "I decided I'd rather have the studio tamper with somebody else's material and save my orig-

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writer in 1934 and was, he says, the model for Julian Blumberg, the timid young nebbish whose screenplays were stolen by the title character in Budd Schulberg's classic Hollywood novel, "What Makes Sammy Run?" By 1938, he had his first Academy Award nomination, for "Four Daughters." Award nomination, for "Four Daughters."
His screenplays include "The Man Who
Came to Dinner" (1942), "Mr. Skeffington" (1944), "Romance on the High Seas"
(1948), "The Tender Trap" (1955), "Light
in the Piazza" (1962), and "Pete 'n' Tillie,"
from another De Vries story, "Witches'
Milk," which brought him his third Oscar
nomination in 1972. In 1978, he had his biggest box-office success with "House Calls," a hospital comedy starting Walter Matthau and Glenda Jackson. In general, he has written alone since his brother's

death from cancer 32 years ago.
At the age of 74 and after 50 years in Los Angeles, Julius Epstein, is still a tourist. "I have a feeling I'm living in a resort town,

As if to add emphasis to his statement, his house is cut out of a cliff so sheer that the trees seem ready to hurl themselves over the edge, and his brick-lined swimming pool seems surrounded by air. He has made, he says urgently, "only one contribution to the screenwriting craft. My brother and I freed the writer from having to work at the studio."

He tells stories of their decade as contract writers at Warner Bros. with the air of a raconteur who has told such stories often during the last 40 years. How Jack Warner met the Epsteins coming into the studio at 3 p.m. and told them to read their contract. nal ideas for plays." They were to punch in at 9 each morning, Epstein started in Hollywood as a ghost just like a bank president. So they sent him

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an incomplete script and requested him to get a bank president to finish it. How when Warner said one of their scenes was terrible, Philip looked at him in amazement and asked, "How can that be possible? The scene was written at 9 a.m." Then, in 1941, Philip Epstein had an appendectomy while the brothers were writing "Strawberry Blonde" for James Cagney. Working at Philip's bedside, they finished the script in half the usual time. From then on, Jack Warner said they could work wherever they wanted.

Each of the stories has a pinch of irony, a twist of self-deprecation. How the "Casablanca" producer, Hal Wallis, who wanted to borrow Ingrid Bergman from David Selznick, sent them to tell Selznick the story of "Casablanca" and Sciznick was eating a bowl of soup at his desk and never looked up as they described "crooks, refugees pouring in, a mysterious man who runs a nightclub." At last, Julius Epstein said, "Oh hell, it's a lot of junk like 'Algiers.' And Selznick looked up and nodded and we knew we had Bergman."

Others remember things differently. The Epsteins wrote great scripts, says Hal Walks. "They came up with wonderful dialogue, bright lines, little punchy lines: Round up the usual suspects." Julie was pixels in real life, and he imparted that to the screen."

Ron Haver, curator of film at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, credits the Epsteins with creating the "poignant love story" in "Casablanca" and admiringquotes a clumk of dialogue:

"I came to Casablanca for the waters."
"What waters? We're in the middle of the desert." "I was misinformed."

And Fay Kanin, screenwriter and past president of the Motion Picture Academy, says: "Julie's more than a writer of good dialogue. He's a good constructionist. His stories have good bones."

He is a small man, bald-headed, and he describes himself — inaccurately — as "E.T.'s grandfather." There is nothing tentative, nothing amorphous, about him. Tidy and trim, bristling and fit, he strides glows. His weight is the same 135 pounds it was out of season in 1929, the year he was captain of the Penn State boxing team and intercollegiate bantam-

weight champion.
"If you had a Buster Brown haircut on the Lower East Side, you had better learn to fight," he says. There is an old photo-graph of himself and his brother in velvet suits and he is momentarily bewildered because he is unsure which of the two faces belongs to him. His father was, he says proudly, the only livery stable owner in New York who refused to pay extortion money to the gangsters.

Until he was subjected to a pacemaker last July, Julius Epstein ran five miles a day. Now, he says irritably, he is "chic but reduced to walking."
He writes at most for two hours, with

any handy pencil, on long yellow pads. Yet, he adds, any writer works 24 hours a day. The ending to "Casablanca" was written dozens of times, none a satisfactory answer to the question of whether and how Ingrid Bergman should wind up with Paul Henreid or Humphrey Bogart

Then, "My brother and I were driving down Sunset Boulevard, and we looked at each other and said. Round up the usual suspects. Somebody must have been mur-dered. Who was murdered? Major Strasser. Who killed him? Rick! That was the way we got our ending."

The ending to "Reuben, Reuben" came into his head in much the same way. In 1969, while in New York writing one of his numerous flop plays ("But Seriously ..." remembered, if at all, for Richard Drey-fuss's Broadway debut), he saw "Spofford," a play adapted from the first section of De Vries's novel. "I thought the play wright had made the wrong choice, that the story of the poet McGland was the dramatic story in the book," he says. "But it was more than half a dozen years later that the ides of adding a dog to the story and the irony of the ending popped into my mind."

Having figuratively turned the hovel into a shaggy dog story. Epstein tele-phoned De Vries and said, "I want to write script. Let's have the same deal we had on Witches Milk." The deal was a handshake and an equal share of any money.

The script was submitted to all the major studios. "I went through the usual procedure of being turned down by every studio. which I was encouraged by," Epstein says.
"It meant I had written something of quali-

Eventually, Walter Shenson, the producer of "The Mouse That Roared," handed the script to Tom Conti after a matince of "Whose Life Is It Anyway?," in which Conti was starring on Broadway. I sup-pose you couldn't get Pacing. Conti-sighed. The next morning Conti-called and said he wanted to do the film.

In actuality, Conti was Shenson's first choice. But the studios shook their heads harder. Conti was not a big enough name. Finally, Taft Entertainment agreed to put up \$2.5 million.

"In the old days when I was a young kid and movies cost \$300,000," says Epstein, who co-produced "Reuben, Reuben," "Td say there was no reason for them to cost so much. There were all those extra takes because some actress's hair was out of place or there was a shadow on her face. In real life, people have shadows on their

In an era when the average cost of a movie is \$11 million, "Reuben, Reuben," with no deferments of salary, cost \$2.3

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